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RED ARMY SMASHING ITS WAY ACROSS DNIEPER

STALIN'S HISTORIC ORDER OF THE DAY

Smolensk Taken By Storm

THE greatest of many great Russian triumphs since the Red Army launched its smashing offensive last July was announced last night by Marshal Stalin in an Order of the Day.

It revealed the capture by storm of Smolensk, Hitler's key base in the Russian front and strategical centre of Germany's resistance. The Order, addressed to General Sokolovsky, stated:—

"Troops of the Western Front, continuing their successful offensive, crossed the River Dnieper and today, September 25, took by storm the regional centre of Smolensk, the most important strategical centre of German resistance.

BROKE ENEMY RESISTANCE

Today (September 25), after fierce fighting lasting for two days, our troops broke the enemy's resistance and occupied the most important enemy communication centre in the Mogilev direction, Roslavl.

The units which have particularly distinguished themselves will bear the names of the towns they have assisted in capturing."

Here the Order gives a list of Army units which will be called after the captured cities.]

It went on: "Today, September 25, at 21 hours Moscow time, capital of our country, Moscow, in the name of our motherland, will salute our gallant troops which have liberated the cities of Smolensk and Roslavl by 20 salvoes from 224 guns.

For exemplary fulfilment of military duties I express my thanks to all the troops under your command who fought for the liberation of Smolensk and Roslavl.

Eternal glory to the heroes who have fallen in the struggle for the liberty and independence of our country. Death to the German invaders."

HULL TO LEAD MOSCOW TALKS

Washington, Saturday.

WELL-INFORMED quarters here believe that Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, will personally head the U.S. delegation to the tripartite talks in Moscow, taking Mr. Averill Harriman with him as the new American Ambassador to Russia.

It is definitely understood here that Admiral Standley, who has come from Moscow, will not return to Russia.

It is believed here that the State Department has received every assurance of Moscow's fervent desire to co-operate with the U.S. and Britain in post-war plans.

General George Marshall's new appointment has been fixed notwithstanding the protests from various quarters, but its exact nature still remains secret, states the Washington "Army and Navy Register."

Full Crisis In Europe Soon

From ROBERT VIVIAN, Reuter's Special Correspondent
Washington, Saturday.

"The Allied Command expects land and air war in Europe to reach full crisis in a very few months," an authoritative spokesman here said today.

He declined to amplify the statement, but many military observers believe that this was why General George Marshall, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, was so insistent that Congress should not hamper the creation of an army of 7,700,000 by the end of 1943 by delaying the drafting of fathers into the army. Such a step, he said, would force changes in strategic plans."

He added that even with nearly 8,000,000 men under arms in the American forces alone, the consensus of expert opinion is that victory over Germany will require another eight to fourteen months.

This forecast is based on the supposition that Russia will continue the offensive—if necessary pressing beyond the 1941 boundaries—and that the Germans will be unable to check Allied strategic bombing.

From HAROLD KING, Reuter's Special Correspondent
Moscow, Saturday.

TONIGHT THE RED ARMY, INSPIRED BY THE CAPTURE OF SMOLENSK, ROSLAVL AND HUNDREDS OF OTHER TOWNS AND VILLAGES, IS SMASHING ITS WAY ACROSS THE MILE-WIDE DNIEPER AT HALF A DOZEN POINTS ALONG THE 400-MILES FRONT FROM ABOVE KIEV TO BELOW THE GREAT INDUSTRIAL CENTRE OF DNEPROPETROVSK.

The mopping-up of the remaining centres of German resistance, mostly now isolated units, between the Red Army and the whole flat east bank of the Dnieper is now going on. Powerful tank and motorised Red Army spearheads are tackling the tremendous task of crossing the third largest river in Europe, which in some places is a mile wide.

Under cover of fog, hundreds of rafts, rubber dinghies and flat-bottomed boats are ferrying their way across under the protection of a heavy barrage from Soviet guns, and sometimes, at points where the enemy is less vigilant, in silenc.e.

The Soviet Air Force, in great strength, is hammering at German positions on the west bank, and deep in the enemy rear.

Tonight's Moscow communiqué, which announced further important captures, and advances on some sectors to a depth of more than 13 miles, stated:

"Our troops on the western front, continuing to develop their successful offensive, forced the River Dnieper, and after fierce fighting today (September 25) captured the city of Smolensk by storm.

'More Captures'

"Today (Saturday) our troops of the western front, after fierce fighting lasting for two days, broke the enemy's resistance and captured the important enemy centre of resistance and railway junction of Roslavl.

"In the DNEPROPETOVSK direction our troops continued to develop their offensive and occupied the town of Petrikovka, regional centre of the Dnepropetrovsk region.

"In the KREMENCHUG direction our troops continued successfully to develop their offensive, and advancing 10 to 13½ miles, occupied the important town of Kobeliaki and 120 more inhabited localities.

"In the KIEV direction our troops overcame enemy resistance and captured the town of Brovary.

"In the GOMEL direction our troops continued their successful offensive, advanced from 10 to 13½ miles and captured the town of Klintsy and over 350 other inhabited localities.

"North-west of SMOLENSK our troops advanced from 2½ to 4 miles and captured over 60 inhabited localities, including the large inhabited locality of Dubrovka.

"During Friday our troops on all fronts destroyed or disabled 58 German tanks and shot down 49 enemy aircraft."

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HITLER LOSES GREATEST BASE

City Was The Key To Russia

BY OUR MILITARY CORRESPONDENT

LOSS of Smolensk, the great bastion which the German people have regarded as their No. 1 bulwark against the menace of Russia, is Hitler's greatest reverse since the Battle of Britain. It is also his biggest defeat since he attacked Russia two years ago last July.

All ingenious attempts on the part of the German propaganda machine will fail to convince the German people that "evacuation" of a key base like Smolensk was part of a "grand strategy."

Smolensk crowns Stalin's offensive. By its capture he has exposed the centre of the German defences to the full weight of the attacking Red Army.

"LINE BREACHED"

The town being on the Dnieper and occupying both banks, its evacuation gives the Russians additional facilities for crossing the river, and, although the bridges will have been destroyed, there should be little difficulty about temporary restoration. THE LINE OF THE DNIEPER HAS, THEREFORE, ALREADY BEEN BREACHED.

If the Germans have been unable to hold Smolensk, which was the keystone of their whole defence line, and for nearly two years Hitler's H.Q., the question arises, where will they finally be able to make a stand?

Much will probably depend on the weather. If early heavy autumnal rains impede the Russian progress the German High Command may try to dig in well within Russian soil.

The whole left wing of the German army north of Smolensk to Leningrad now becomes somewhat exposed, and the possibility of a general retirement in this region is not excluded.

There are no outstanding natural defences west of Smolensk before the Polish border.

TURKS JAIL WOPS

All Italian military refugees are being interned at Isparta, in South Turkey, says an Ankara message.—Reuter.

Freed Britons Form Own 'Army'

THE German News Agency stated last night:

"Mobile German troops are in pursuit of several thousand British prisoners of war whose camps had been opened by Badoglio troops.

"Apparently they intend to fight their way into Apulia."

And Berlin Says It Was Grand Strategy

DR. GOEBBELS, who just over two years ago was directing from Berlin Radio stations fanfares of victory trumpets to celebrate the capture of Smolensk, yesterday was directing all his propagandist skill in explaining away its evacuation.

He had a difficult and unenviable task, for the news, no matter how he glossed it over, increased greatly German fears that the Nazis will be unable to stem the advance of the Red Army.

Goebbels, through the German News agency, tried to justify the loss of Smolensk by announcing that its evacuation was decided on three weeks ago, as part of Germany's "grand strategy."

This is what the German people were told:—

"During the successful defensive battles in the last few days, the evacuation measures started three weeks ago were promptly carried out.

"The abandoning of the city had been decided upon long ago in the framework of the grand strategy.

"The bulk of the formations in the Smolensk area withdrew to lines in the rear without making direct contact with the Soviets.

"Thus, for three days only powerful rearguards and mobile covering formations were engaged in defensive fighting with th Soviet armies which attempted to storm Smolensk by concentric attacks from the S.E. and north.

"Immediately after they had gone, the bridges and important road crossings were blown up, so that the Soviets in their sharp pursuit suffered heavy casualties and lost many tanks and vehicles."

DEFEATISTS RISK DEATH SENTENCES

Gloom Spreads Over Germany

Stockholm, Saturday.

GERMAN defeatists are becoming increasingly bold despite the ruthless punishments meted out to them by the German Government.

Many treat the threat of death with indifference, says the Berlin correspondent of the Swedish newspaper "Dagens Nyheter."

August Neumann, a German who was subsequently executed for spreading defeatism, had made defeatist utterances in the public park, says the correspondent.

His behaviour is typical of the average German's gloomy attitude about the war.

DOOM NO DETERRENT

High Nazi circles in Berlin, says "Dagens Nyheter," admit that threats of the death sentence for defeatism make no difference

Fritsche, the Nazi political commentator, tonight said in a broadcast: "It is a fact that the new Germany does not allow every fool and every coward to present the result of his funk to his neighbours."

"It is high time to separate the wheat from the chaff. No pardon will be given from now on to weaklings and traitors, who will be seized and annihilated," says a writer in the "It Must Not Happen Here" campaign of German home propaganda.

72 HOURS' NON-STOP STRAFING

THE Anglo-U.S. daylight offensive was continued yesterday, the fourth successive day of the latest non-stop series of assaults, with bombing attacks on Longuenesse airfield, near St. Omer, and a convoy off the Dutch coast.

Yesterday's operations were carried out within a few hours of the most intensive 48 hours' aerial bombardment of the war against Hitler's Europe.

In the 72 hours ending at nightfall last night, at least 26 German continental targets were heavily bombed and 58 German fighters destroyed.

Beaufighters of Coastal Command, escorted by Spitfires, yesterday attacked an enemy convoy off Den Helder. One medium-sized supply vessel was hit with a torpedo.

Mustangs, Typhoons and Spitfires on offensive patrol attacked many transport targets in Belgium and Northern France. More than a dozen locomotives and several barges were damaged.

Mosquitos of Fighter Command on patrol destroyed two Ju. 88s.

Two aircraft of Coastal Command and three of Fighter Command are missing from these operations.

19 Ju.52's Down In Corsican 'Dunkirk'

Algiers, Saturday.

SEVERAL hundred German technicians lost their lives when 19 Ju. 52 transport planes were shot down in the sea yesterday off the island of Corsica.

The giant Junkers aircraft were intercepted by Beaufighters as they attempted to evacuate the German technicians to the Italian mainland.

It was the second big bag of Ju. 52's in two days.

In their attempts to stage a sea and air "Dunkirk" from Corsica, the Germans are suffering extremely heavy losses.

Our aircraft in continued attacks on the port of Bastia have sunk many ammunition ships and destroyed tanks which were on the quays awaiting shipment.

Leghorn, the evacuation port on the mainland, received another heavy attack last night by Wellington bombers. They hammered shipping and harbour installations and caused a vivid explosion in a power house.

French and patriot forces in Corsica, assisted by American Commando troops, have pushed the Germans to the north-east corner of the island and have captured San Stefano, which overlooks Bastia, the last enemy way of escape.

When German fighter planes rose to try to give protection to the retreating troops, 20 were shot down for the loss of nine Allied aircraft.—Reuter.

ALLIES ADVANCE UNDER BIG GUN BARRAGE

7 Miles From Naples, Nazis Report

WITH the Allied offensive in Italy only 48 hours old, our troops were last night reported to have captured all the hills north of the Naples plain. According to a German war correspondent last night the Allies are fighting only about seven miles south of Naples.

The last report from Allied H.Q. North Africa gave the scene of the battle as about 20 miles from Naples.

As the defeated Germans retreated across the plain their transport received a terrific hammering from Allied aircraft.

It was a hard fight while it lasted, but the weight of our artillery, followed by bayonet charges, was more than the enemy could stand.

By yesterday afternoon several square miles north and north-east of Salerno had been cleared of the enemy.

The battle scene throughout the night has been described as truly terrific as our guns, massed on an "Alamein" scale, thundered out against the Germans. Flares lit up the whole countryside along the Bay of Naples and the Bay of Salerno, and huge fires could still be seen burning in Naples itself.

HEAVY HUN CASUALTIES

Though the Germans held almost perfect defensive positions in the hills, with snipers, machine-gun posts and pill-boxes, they were winkled out at a good rate.

So great was the weight of our artillery barrage and air support that the enemy were constantly being compelled to keep their heads down and our losses have been comparatively small.

Under mortar and shell fire the enemy took heavy casualties and they are also facing difficulties of supply.

They are nevertheless fighting as fiercely as ever. Pockets of Germans are still holding out behind the farthest points of the British advance.

German prisoners taken since the landing now total 2,000.

Most of them are very young. In one batch of 40 prisoners taken on Friday, four were under eighteen years old, and of the others only four were over twenty-two.

To the east of Salerno the Fifth Army have advanced up to about three miles, and are now fanning out to the north-east.

ALEX.'S BATTLE PLAN

As our troops push on, General Alexander's battle plan can more easily be pictured.

While his left flank infiltrates through the hills towards Pompeii, the right flank of the Fifth Army, meeting less opposition, is making a scythe-like movement towards Kesselring's rear.

The Eighth Army, meanwhile, is advancing quickly to cover the right flank of the Fifth Army as it wheels north.

On the Adriatic coast, Montgomery's men have gone forward 15 miles from Bari to take Molfetta. Inland they have advanced 20 miles to capture Altamura.

Today it can be revealed that General Montgomery on Friday paid a visit to General Clark's headquarters for a field conference that lasted two hours.

To newspaper correspondents General Clark said: "Together we are going to push the Boche out of Italy."

"Monty" contented himself by asking: "Well, where are we going to be by Christmas?" He did not answer his own question, but he seemed confident enough.

Germans Talk Of A Revolt

'RUMANIA SEEKING AN ARMISTICE'

SENSATIONAL reports came from German sources yesterday that Rumania was trying to negotiate a separate peace and that the country was on the brink of a revolution to overthrow Dictator Antonescu.

Reuter's New York correspondent, quoting a report of German origin from Madrid, said that Rumanians were negotiating for an armistice with British, American and Soviet representatives.

The talks, it was stated, were taking place in Ankara.

The Associated Press correspondent in Madrid, also quoting the report, says that the Rumanians first tried to negotiate with Britain and the United States, without Russia. When these efforts failed, they asked to meet the three-Power representatives.

WANT TO BARGAIN

Though it was agreed that only unconditional surrender could be accepted, the Rumanians were said to be concerned over the methods of surrender, particularly on the question of the Transylvanian frontier.

A slice of Hungarian territory in Transylvania, it will be recalled, was given by Hitler to Rumania. Hungary wants that territory back.

The Rumanians, it seems from the reports, wish to bargain with the Allies on the basis that the disputed territory remains part of Rumania.

The report of preparations to overthrow Antonescu was issued by the German News Agency, quoting the Rumanian Security authorities.

"The Communist leadership in Rumania," it stated, "is following the developments of the political and military situation with special attention, with a view to changing the present régime and replacing it by various personalities of the former Democratic parties.

"Organisations in Bucharest and Ploesti have completed their preparations for revolutionary activity.

"Terror commandos, sabotage commandos, shock troops for street fighting, and flying propaganda squads have been incorporated in them.

Musso. Confers With Rommel

MUSSOLINI is holding a conference with Rommel, the German C.-in-C. in North Italy, at the latter's headquarters in Verona.

Several of Mussolini's newly appointed Fascist Ministers are with him, according to reports reaching Berne from Italy yesterday.

The Germans promised Mussolini to transfer large forces from Russia to Italy, and Mussolini, it is said, agreed to form his new Government on the basis of this assurance.

The Germans told him that they intended to defend a new line of resistance in Russia with comparatively weak forces.

Another report says that Mussolini is on his way to Southern Italy to examine the situation personally and reorganise the Fascist militia.—British United Press.

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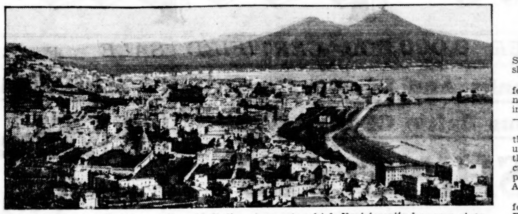
LET'S TALK IT OVER

"Man o' The People" Writes on "Things That Matter To You and Me"

BERLIN'S admission, in advance of any statement from Moscow, that the Russians have taken Smolensk, certainly dwarfs the importance—if any—of the Cabinet reshuffle. As to the latter, the only new member of the Cabinet is "young" Richard Law—a boy of forty-two—who steps up from his Under-Secretaryship to become Minister of State. To the surprise of the public, but apparently to the satisfaction of most of the House, Sir John Anderson succeeds the late Sir Kingsley Wood as Chancellor of the Exchequer. And Lord Beaverbrook emerges from his Ministerial convalescence to take the Privy Seal which Sir John is relinquishing.



"See Naples and Die!" ran the old Italian slogan, to which Nazi ferocity has now given a new and terrible meaning.

These changes, whatever may be their political importance, are hardly likely to matter much to you and to me.

But the news of Russia's continuing victory drive is of incalculable importance to the whole world and may have a greater influence upon future developments in war and peace than any other event of the year.

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BEING unable to offer any expert opinion on military events, "Man o' the People" must pass from the Russian to the Home Front, where the most important news of the past week is the adoption of the pay-as-you-go principle in Income Tax for all weekly wage earners.

Sir Kingsley Wood's sudden death has denied him the privilege of putting through the scheme which he drew up in consultation with the T.U.C. and the British Employers' Confederation.

But the late Chancellor, a painstaking rather than a brilliant man, has left at least this one lasting memorial behind him.

Had he lived, he might also have gained eminence as a politician whose performance was better than his promise. Such men are few and far between.

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THE coming change-over to pay-as-you-go tax collection is a matter of real importance to you and me and for more than one reason.

Strictly speaking, it has nothing to do with the national war effort, *but it is a sensible and businesslike reform, which the Government has decided to put through without waiting for victory.*

There are others urgently needed which could equally well be introduced forthwith. Sir Kingsley Wood, when he first promised to look into the pay-as-you-go problem, warned the House it might be difficult to solve.

But it *has* been solved, at least up to a point. Difficulty in itself is never a good excuse for delay.

The Beveridge Plan for Social Security and the Scott Barlow and Uthwatt Reports, designed to give the State greater control over property which may be needed for reconstruction or the general benefit of the community, have all had the Government's qualified blessing, but the reforms they embody have not been carried out.

Why not? Once a Government or a man decides upon the rightness and wisdom of a given course of action, hesitation to take it becomes folly or cowardice.

"MAN O' THE PEOPLE" does not intend to discuss the new income-tax plan in detail, and he hereby warns readers that he cannot answer questions about it.

In general, however, the advantages of the change are two-fold. The first and chief is that after April 5, 1944, the deduction from the weekly pay envelope will correspond with its contents—high wages, high tax; low wages, low tax or none at all.

This will be a boon to all men and women whose earnings vary with piecework and overtime or for any other reason. They will no longer have to dread high taxation upon the "good money" they were making ten months ago out of the smaller pay they may be receiving at the moment.

The second advantage is that all liability will cease when one ceases to earn. Those who retire or lose their jobs will have no arrears of tax to burden them. Those who die will leave whatever they possess unencumbered by debts to the Treasury.

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WHAT, you may ask, will it cost the country to let so many people off what they owe at present? The answer is about £125,000,000 in theory, but, in practice, "practically nothing."

You see, those who benefit under the scheme will naturally have to forfeit the post-war credits they would have received under the old system, for no one can expect a refund of money he has not paid.

> **THOUGHT FOR TODAY**
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> *DELIBERATE LONG OVER THAT WHICH YOU CAN DO BUT ONCE!*

That will save the State about half the estimated over-all cost of £250,000,000. The balance will be lost to the Treasury, theoretically at least, only as this generation of workers gradually passes on to retirement and death.

Actually, however, nobody can tell how much of this contingent loss is worth reckoning, for it takes no account of the bad debts which would have certainly accrued under the old system.

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NO entirely new and national plan can reasonably be expected to work out perfectly in every detail, and future Chancellors will probably have to improve upon the present pay-as-you-go proposals in various respects.

The outstanding defect of Sir Kingsley Wood's scheme is, however, that it does not apply to all income-tax payers without exception. Some three million unfortunates, half of whom are no better off than the average weekly wage earner, will continue to pay tax under the old system.

For my part I think it high time to discontinue the antiquated and fundamentally snobbish distinction between wages and salaries.

Apart from this, the mere accident of employment by one firm or another may determine whether a man be paid weekly or monthly, and it is obviously unfair that he should benefit or fail to benefit on this account alone.

It is true, however, that the position of certain classes of taxpayer, particularly in the big-income groups, presented exceptional complications to the Revenue experts, and the whole scheme might have been indefinitely delayed had they been included in it.

On balance we have cause to be thankful that this delay was not incurred. Still, justice is justice; difficulties *can* be overcome, and we must not be satisfied until the thoroughly sound pay-as-you-go principle is adopted for all classes.

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FROM every war front the news is good, and from the Russian theatre magnificent. By sea our strength has greatly increased—despite Viscount Cranborne's surprising statement that the Italian fleet has not technically surrendered—and in the air we have resumed our devastating raids on German industry.

But Mr. Churchill has surveyed the world conflict so clearly in all its military aspects as to leave little for any layman to talk over.

Outstanding points in his speech were, of course, the decisive victory which the Allies have gained in recent months over the U-boats; their four-to-one superiority in the supply of aircraft; and their fixed resolve to invade Western Europe as soon as this massive enterprise can be undertaken with confidence in its outcome.

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THE Prime Minister's plain statement of fact in regard to the timing of the Italian invasion should dispose of all criticism on that score.

The provisional date of the operations, he said, was settled before the fall of Mussolini and before any negotiations had taken place with the Badoglio Government. The choice of that date was conditioned solely by the supply of landing-craft.

And, as the situation developed in our favour, General Alexander was asked to do his utmost to anticipate the original date. This he did with the splendid co-operation of all concerned, so that Allied troops actually landed on August 9 instead of August 15.

Having regard to this statement, it would seem mere folly for any uninformed person to try to goad the Government into "immediate invasion" of Western Europe.

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READERS of this page must realise what great importance "Man o' the People" attaches to a cordial understanding between the Democracies and the Soviets, not only on military, but also on political issues.

In spite of this, he feels that Mr. Anthony Eden was entitled to remind Russia that "confidence cannot be created, by one side alone." The Russians express themselves "clearly and even forcibly," when they think we have failed to understand their point of view.

"I make no complaint about that," said the Foreign Secretary, "but there are occasions also when we feel that they do not understand our point of view, and I believe it to be in the ultimate interests of our good relations that we should speak out on these occasions."

> **"THEY'LL cheat you yet, these Junkers! Having won half the world by bloody murder, they are going to win the other half with tears in their eyes, crying for mercy."**
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> *—Warning given to the Allies early in 1918 by Carl Rosemeier, a German living in Switzerland.*
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> **AS IN 1918, SO AGAIN IN 1943!**

This is probably true. Plain speaking does no harm provided there be honest and friendly intent behind it.

And Mr. Eden has given Parliament the assurance of this good intent, at least as far as he is personally concerned.

In a few weeks' time he is going to Moscow to confer with the Russian and American Foreign Ministers and to prepare the way for the meeting later on between Marshal Stalin, President Roosevelt and our own Prime Minister.

"I shall do everything I can," he said, "to reach a generous measure of understanding of all the problems which confront us.

"Now and again it happens, as the pages of history unfold, that opportunities are given for man's progress in the world. I believe that in the next few months there will be such an opportunity for us, for Russia and the United States to reach a lasting understanding."

These are brave and hopeful words. Heaven grant that a great opportunity be greatly taken!

BY comparison with the other far more important news of the past week, the official account issued by Mr. Eden of the Rudolf Hess affair seemed to me of little consequence.

No doubt it was a good thing to publish the facts at last and so put an end to all the wearisome chatter about this self-important fanatical Nazi thug.

But we had all known for a long time that Hess flew over here in the belief that he would find some influential fools and traitors ready to "do a deal" with Hitler at our Allies' expense.

The terms of the impudent peace offer he brought with him were much as had been expected; the threat which lay behind them was of far more serious significance.

For if, said Hess—then "Nazi No. 2"—the Fuehrer's generous offer were to be rejected, Hitler was resolved *"to destroy Great Britain utterly and keep the country in permanent subjection."*

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THERE one may read the full meaning of "Prussianism" and "Hitlerism"; there in all its naked ferocity is revealed the mind of the Nazi bully.

The abominations of which German military power has been guilty in every country it has subdued are such that no man in his senses will rest content until that power is utterly and permanently destroyed.

Naples, one of the loveliest ports in Europe, already scarred by warfare, has now been wantonly ravaged by the murderous Nazi villains. They have put it to the sack. They have shot harmless civilians by the score. They have even flogged Italians in the public streets.

Truly the score grows long against Germany. She has no friend in all the world. When the day of reckoning comes let none forget how and why the bill was incurred.

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THAT day of reckoning draws nearer for Germany with the certainty of doom. *But* the war is not yet won; the bloodiest fighting may lie ahead of us; and Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Minister of Labour, is justified in preparing for "the titanic struggle of 1944."

It is, of course, possible that victory will neither be so long delayed nor so costly as several of our leaders expect. But we dare not count upon this, and the Cabinet has decided that 700,000 more men and women are needed to maintain and increase our already unparalleled national effort.

So be it, but "Man o' the People" is still unconvinced that the best way to mobilise this additional man-power is to call up women between 46 and 50 and, possibly, to conscript lads of sixteen for industry or the pits.

A thorough comb-out of the Services and Government offices should certainly come first.

Similarly, your correspondent feels that the coal problem can never be met satisfactorily by the importation of untrained labour—particularly of juvenile labour.

It is hard to understand why the 30,000 trained miners now in uniform are not called back to the pits, seeing that today recruitment for the mines is given priority over recruitment to the Army itself!

It is something to be thankful for, on the other hand, that Mr. Bevin is boldly facing one part of the transport problem by inviting more young women to serve as bus conductors and giving them the same status as workers in the aircraft industry.

Finally, your correspondent cannot but endorse the Minister of Labour's opinion that unofficial strikes are not only a betrayal of the fighting man, but that they also tend to undermine the position of the trade unions themselves. When loyalties seem to conflict, loyalty to our comrades-in-arms must surely claim a paramount consideration.

Man o' the People.

SECRET SERVICE NEWS

INDICATIONS are growing that Nazis in France are beginning to find task of recruiting forced labour for Germany beyond their strength. They fear that too much severity would set whole country in revolt

● Drancy internment camp, three miles north-east of Paris, has been taken over by Nazis. Among captives are Britons and Americans.

● Suicides among German troops occupying North Norway are increasing. Desertions are frequent and spirit of men is mutinous.

● Drive for essential metals in Germany so intense that all copper kettles and copper alloy kettles must be registered with authorities.

● Rumour-mongers, despite all Himmler's efforts to trace and suppress them, continue active in the Reich. Arrests fail to check flood of anti-Nazi whispers.

● In raids on Hamburg all records and documents on which distribution of food was based were destroyed and wholesalers left could not work for days.

● Fear of sudden death—due again to RAF raids—is growing so much in Germany that interest in spiritualism and life after death is becoming widespread.

INTENSE political activity continues behind the scenes in Hungary. Popularity of "Peace Party" is growing.

● Visit to Bucharest of Dorpmüller, Reich Minister of Transport, was purpose of speeding up supplies of food and oil to Germany.

● Fur requisitioning in Germany and occupied countries includes skins even of rabbits and goats.

● Patriot raids on offices of Norwegian quislings are increasing. Reason for raids is seizure of documentary evidence of traitors' activities.

● Interned Danish officers offered freedom in exchange for declaration of loyalty to German authorities, refused to a man.

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RUSH for "peace flags," especially British and American, so great in Belgium that it is impossible to buy a flagmast anywhere.

● Position of Nazis in Balkans rapidly worsening.

● Hitler must soon face alternative of abandoning large stretches of country or sending reinforcements.

● Fuehrer has been warned by military that the forces available for necessary tasks are dangerously low.

IT SEEMS TO ME

History Shows Us How!

By Philosopher

"HISTORY," THOUGHT CHESTERFIELD, "IS ONLY A HEAP OF FACTS." "HISTORY," SAID LAMARTINE, "TEACHES EVERYTHING—EVEN THE FUTURE."

I suggest that we approach the heap and select a few industrial facts—for presentation to modern Preservatives.

These lovers of "freedom" belittle control. So we take them again to the Nineteenth Century, century of their dreams.

We shall visit a textile district and see, as through a glass clearly, life and death as they were then. And the details will be from official reports which no one can deny.

Say, for example, the Factories' Bill Report of 1832. It tells a lot to those who care to search it out. There may be a copy in *your* local reference library.

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FIRST, about working hours. The day began at 4.55 a.m. and ceased at 7.20 p.m. The shortest day of actual labour in spinning mills was one of twelve and a half hours. The average amounted to about eighty for the week.

"By the end of the week," declared one witness, "the bodies of the workers are so exhausted that for half the Sunday they are in a stupor."

Lives of the mill and factory children—as well as those of their parents—were miserable existences.

After enduring anything up to 17 hours at tending the frames and looms they had to clean them at night, for which they got no extra pay added to their weekly 1s. 3d.

One case was known of young workers continuing for 28 hours without a break.

Foremen brutally drove along the child slaves of our towns when Anti-Negro Slavery Societies were being formed up and down the country.

Orphans were bought from the Poorhouses by the Masters. Children were hired from parents. Rarely could a child read.

Their ages varied from SIX years upward. They were lice-ridden. Most were undergrown. Many were malformed.

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LOTS of youngsters slept on the premises behind locked doors and barred windows. Boys and girls were herded together. They were released each morning for the day's work.

Every kind of circumstance was vile. Factory air was foul. ....Machinery was unfenced. There was glorious freedom everywhere—and also despair.

After accidents there was no compensation for the victims, even when they were incapacitated for life.

HOUSES at that time were being rushed up in close, squalid masses. Sometimes three or four families occupied the same dwelling.

Immigrants moved into industrial areas in hordes. Any open spaces were dotted with dunghills or heaps of decaying vegetable matter.

It is little wonder that disease was rife and the death-rate high. Crowding and privations brought on contagious fevers.

Typhus and dysentery were endemic. Cholera and smallpox broke out periodically. Babies especially died—like flies do when winter comes.

These accounts are of unsavoury things, yet they are true.

BUT, you will say, this was a hundred years ago. Good men strove for, and won, better conditions. It took time to remove the evils.

So it did, a *long* time, because of the resistance put up by the privileged classes and the profit-makers, generation after generation of them.

That is another story, a story of opposition to progress, of selfishness, of greed, of *unchristianity.*

It is a story of forces which are not dead today—of Status Quo-ism.

Sometime, briefly, I shall attempt that story — offer another heap of facts and leave it to teach those who still hanker after or pander to modern Preservatism.

The greatest evils of society are men who refuse to go on. They sit down on the highway, saying to the world "We stop here. You stop also."

It is our job to teach them that we don't want to stop—*and that we're not going to!*

CIGARETTE PAPERS

By The Lounger

FIFTH ARMY plus Eighth Army add up to a very unlucky number for Hitler.

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WISDOM WEEK BY WEEK

No man is indispensable, but the bigger your effort the harder you are to dispense with.

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LITTLE ALFIE ON "THIS BASIC ENGLISH"

THEIR is a lot of talk going around about this Basic English, and if only sumbody cud tell us what it really was, well, we mite do sumthing about it. Father says it's the langwidge his old cumpny sarn't-major used when Father droped a rifle on his toe. Tork about Basic English, he says. It was the basest English Father ever herd!

Maybe the Guvment want to nave Basic English becos peeple talk too mutch, but wudn't it be eesier to ration 'em to so many wurds a week? Tennyrate, that wud be good for sum folks. I meen, if the deer Vicker stoped dead in his sermon, just like a car that's run out of petrel, becos his basic ration of words had run out I meen what fun!

And what wud Old Beeky do? Are their enuff words in Basic English to be sackarstic with? I'm afraid nothing cud cramp Beeky's stile. He'd manage O.K. Thay say it's hard to express very mutch if you have only a small vocabulery.

But you've got to hand it to Beeky. He can express sternness, orthority, pompusness, low cunning, crewelty, harsh feelings and a gilty pleasure in inflicting corpril punishment merely by saying: "Cum out, Alfred!" or "Boy, bend over!"

And what will the B.B.C. do about Basic English? If thay cut sum of these discussing professers down to a mere 800 words thay'll cum all over tungtied. On the other hand, Father says, 800 wurds wud be far more than crooners cud use. Generally (he says) thay get along quite nicely with about ½ a duzzen, such as "love" and "of," "own" and "home" and "baby" and "maybe." But Father wud hand crooners to the sarn't-major to try his langwidge on, anyway.

Thay say that speling's trubblesome, but their I can't agree;
At any rate, I'm pleesed to state, it's never trubbled me!

TEN-SECOND TEASERS

1.—*Mediterranean town; name suggests kind of spider; also a dance?*
2.—*Midland city; London square; well-known earl?*
3.—*Famous Press; well-known earl; race-horse?*
4.—*Welsh county; Welsh town; renowned general?*
5.—*Area for fighting; part of lower deck of man-of-war; used as hospital in action?*
6.—*London club; London kinema; district in Notts?*
7.—*Variety of snake; distends skin of neck into kind of hood when excited?*
8.—*Kind of club; sort of case; variety of cover?*
9.—*Conventional rules of behaviour; rules of precedence and ceremonial?*
10.—*Short, amorous poem; part-song; glee; eight letters?*
11. — *Plunder; spoil; property of enemies taken in war?*
12.—*Kind of house; sort of room; type of boy?*
(Answers in Page Four)

POSER:

MR. DASH left half his money to his wife and the remainder to his four sons to be shared so that the eldest got 35 per cent., the second son 30 per cent., the third 20 per cent. and the youngest 15 per cent. Willy Dash got £500 more than Fred Dash and Bert Dash got £750 less than Jim. How much did Mrs. Dash receive?

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Answer to last week's poser: Ten boys would do the work in 18 days.

DID YOU KNOW—

MILITARY boots were in use in Egypt in 2,000 B.C.?

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★ In the Tuareg tribes in the Sahara the men wear veils, but not the women?

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★ Origen, who lived in the 3rd Century, wrote 6,000 works?

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★ An elephant's tusk weighs half a ton?

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★ The world's highest motor road is in Peru and is 15,820 feet high?

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★ The Japanese believe Paradise to be an island of dripping ice?

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★ Only one person in fifteen has normal sight?

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★ There are approximately two million pores in the skin?

"LET US PRAY"

OH God, we pray for open hearts so that Thy Goodness may pour in. Look down upon Thy troubled world torn by the hates of War and Sin.

We can accomplish nothing good out of our earthly strength alone. *Faith is the only flagstaff from which Flags of Freedom can be flown!*

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OH God, we pray for selflessness that asks but for the Common Good, that benefits shall gleam like corn where sacrifice has bravely stood.

We are but frail in steadfastness and prone to take the easiest way, but Grant us Vision for the things we ought to do. And hear us pray.

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OH God, we pray though muted be our tongues in search of seemly phrase. Grant to our lifted souls the strength to battle forth on all Thy Ways.

The Pall of War lies on us all and Unbelief sounds Drums of Doom, but in our souls we know Thy Hand will Touch the World and *Peace Will Bloom.*—J.M.

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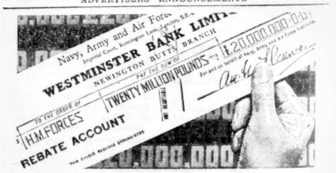

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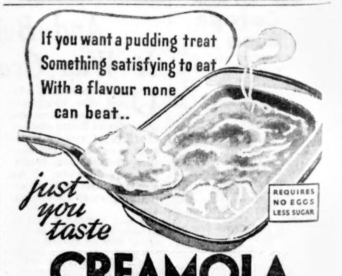

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Next Few Weeks Are Vital

"WHEN Stalin's full reserves are flung against the retreating Nazis in the next few weeks, then we may well assess how long the war in Europe is going to last."

STALIN'S GENIUS MAY BEAT AUTUMN RAINS

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

WE are entering now the most vital and most momentous weeks since Hitler invaded Poland more than four years ago. On what happens between now and mid-October may well depend the duration of the war against Germany.

Marshal Stalin is the king-pin in the gigantic battles raging in Russia, and in Italy. The Red Army, maintaining the savagest and most sustained offensive in military history, is swinging into full action like an avenging tide.

Stalin's forces have reached the Dnieper. That they will launch a full-scale assault on the German defences on the west bank of the river before the rains begin is doubtful.

Certain observers anticipate a pause in the battle once the Dnieper is reached. They expect the Red Army to halt there for re-grouping and re-forming, in preparation for the winter offensive.

But do not be surprised if Stalin's genius for strategy and organisation beats the autumn rains. Another two or three weeks of fine weather may well see the Germans falling back beyond the Dnieper, anxious to consolidate on the Riga-Odessa line based on the former Soviet-Polish frontier.

Already the German propaganda machine, worried to death by the cumulative Allied victories on land, at sea and in the air, is paving the way for admissions which will arouse concern in the heart of every German.

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GOEBBELS is plugging over his radio network and through his controlled newspapers, the news that the German people need not worry about the "strategical withdrawals" on the Eastern front. He stresses the strength of German reserves, and of the tremendous lines of fortification built on the Polish frontier by hundreds of thousands of impressed workers.

But there is a growing realisation among Germans on the Home Front that the surrender of vast, important territories on the Russian front is due, not to High Command strategy, but to an acute shortage of German man-power.

German soldiers on leave spread the story of the "Thin Grey Lines," and the overwhelming mass of Soviet strength. Because of that it must not be assumed that the Nazi divisions in the East have lost their fighting spirit. They have not. Most of them are still convinced that Hitler will "pull out of the bag" either a secret weapon, or a diplomatic victory which will bewilder the Allies.

Yet it is known that all the softening process of German propaganda has failed to allay the fears which are now widespread throughout the Third Reich.

Loss of Smolensk, German Base No. 1 in Russia, and the sure doom of Kiev, plus the terrible nature of the Nazi retreat, are causing the greatest alarm on the German Home front.

That is why Stalin today is approaching the greatest moments in his career as a general without parallel. No man in history has handled an army comparable to that which Russia's great genius is directing today with such energy, vision and initiative.

STALIN KNOWS THAT HE HAS THE MEASURE OF THE GERMAN FORCES. HE KNOWS THAT THERE WILL BE NO MORE HUN ADVANCES DESPITE THE THREAT OF COUNTER-OFFENSIVES FROM A REBUNCHED, BUT HARD-HIT, ARMY.

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ALREADY the Marshal's second war—that of undermining morale on the German home front—is bringing victories. Fear of the Russians is growing; and already Germany is alive with whispers that only an alliance between the Soviet Republics and Germany can save the Reich from a terrible catastrophe.

Germany is not alone. Alarm spreads in the Balkans. Progress by the Jugoslav patriots, the threat to Naples and Rome by the advancing Fifth and Eighth Armies, and the occupation of some of the Dodecanese Islands by the RAF, are further symbols of what the Allies are about to thrust in force against the European Fortress.

The impregnability of that "fortress" is a myth. Corsica will soon be entirely in our hands. Steadily the massed might of the Allied Air Forces encroaches on to aerodromes which threaten German power.

Liberators, flown in force to the Mediterranean theatre of war in the past few days, are the forerunners of vast fleets of planes, not necessarily all American, that will devastate this autumn and winter those centres of German industrial production once deemed invulnerable by the visionless leaders of the disintegrating Reich.

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BOMBERS over the Balkans are the heralds of what is to come. The global war will become really global in a few weeks' time. The enemy will be given no respite.

That is the Allied plan. It will be in operation soon. Plans are ready for the "mass invasion" from the West which Mr. Churchill spoke of in his review of the war to M.P.s.

Yet above London, Washington and all the valiant work of the Allied Armies in Italy looms Marshal Stalin. He, it seems to me, is the arbiter. His full reserves, trained and equipped, backed up by a supremely efficient Air Force, and full of the spirit of victory, will soon be in action.

When they are flung against the retreating Nazis in the next few weeks, then we may well assess how long the war in Europe is going to last.

STALIN HAS YET TO PULL OUT OF THE MYSTERY BAG OF WAR HIS BIGGEST SURPRISE.

PAM SHOWS THE WAY

Pam Barton, Britain's No. 1 woman golfer, now an officer in the WAAFS, has started a lunch-time golfing class for RAF personnel at a fighting station. Here she is seen correcting a pupil's stance.

Seven Years Arsenal Secret Is Out

FIVE DIED TO GIVE US NEW EXPLOSIVE

FIVE men who died at Woolwich Arsenal in 1936 are today killing Germans with a new explosive, the secret of which was revealed last night. More powerful than T.N.T., the explosive is named R.D.X. (Research Dept. formula X), and it is now being produced in large quantities both in the United States and Canada.

The five men were killed by it during the final tests.

Actually, the explosive had been known since the early part of the century, but scientists of many countries had failed to make it on anything like a useful scale.

Sixteen years of research and experiment had been put into the task by the Research Department of the War Office until the day came in July, 1936, when they were within measurable distance of success.

But experiments were still necessary to find the safest conditions for shell-filling with the explosive under ordinary factory conditions.

WATCHED THROUGH MIRRORS

A specially protected building was erected for the purpose, and through mirrors behind a blast wall the experimenters watched a 15-inch shell being filled with 50 lb. of the explosive.

Suddenly they saw something go wrong and ran into the danger zone to stop the process. They were too late.

Even as they moved there was a tremendous explosion and five of them were killed.

The five were: Commander P. A. M. Long, an Admiralty Ordnance assistant, of Sevenoaks, Kent;

F. C. Lewis, a scientist, of Abbey Wood;

J. Brignall, a laboratory assistant, of Welling;

S. H. Cooper, a leading factory hand, of Plumstead; and

W. E. Johnston, a factory hand, of Plumstead.

At the inquest, a Home Office chief inspector said: "These lives have by no means been wasted."

1939-43 Star For Lifeboat Heroes

EXTENSION of the award of the 1939-43 Star to lifeboat crews is suggested in a Parliamentary question by Rear-Admiral Beamish (C., Lewes).

He will ask Mr. Churchill: "If he will have inquiries made into special services rendered by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution lifeboats and crews during the war, which have been no less arduous and perilous than those of the Air Sea Rescue Service.

"And, if convinced of this, extend the award of the 1939-43 Star to the lifeboat crews concerned and consider the issue of chevrons to them and some part of the personnel of the lifeboat service."

'Mickey Mouse' Mask Warning

"MICKEY MOUSE" gas-masks are not suitable for use by children over 4½ years old. When the child reaches that age the "Mickey Mouse" mask should be exchanged for a small adult one.

REASON: A child who has grown too big for a "Mickey Mouse" mask is not protected against gas, because the mask cannot be made to give a gas-tight fit.

When a new mask is issued, the old one should be returned to be reconditioned, as the masks are needed for younger children, says the Ministry of Home Security.

Even Blue Skies Can Deceive

THEY said these things in the Courts yesterday:

WIVES:

I realise that however blue our skies we never really get what we want.

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I have been married 30 years and not once has my husband told me the truth when I have asked him where he spends his evenings.

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When I asked my husband why he counted his money each morning, he said: "Just to make sure no one has been through my pockets in the night."

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HUSBANDS:

I have slapped my wife, but I can honestly say that I have never hit her.

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Even in these days of rationing one cannot live on love.

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When we were married my father-in-law sent me a bouquet of vegetables with a note: "I am making sure you will get something to eat tomorrow."

Premier Promotes Ex-Pit Boy

MR. G. H. HALL, former pit-boy and Labour M.P. for the Aberdare division of Merthyr Tydvil, becomes Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in a list of new Ministerial appointments announced yesterday.

Mr. J. P. L. Thomas, M.P., becomes Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, and Mr. N. A. Beecham, M.P., becomes a Lord Commissioner of the Treasury.

Mr. Hall is sixty-two. He began work as a pit boy at twelve years of age. He is an official of the Miners' Federation.

Mr. Thomas is Unionist M.P. for Hereford and has been a Lord Commissioner of the Treasury since 1940.

Mr. Beecham has been National Liberal M.P. for St. Ives since 1937 He is a barrister.

"The reason for Lord Beaverbrook's inclusion in the Cabinet is that Churchill wants to use him in negotiations with Russia," the German Overseas Radio said yesterday, adding that Lord Beaverbrook would be used as a negotiator and for special tasks because of his pro-Russian policy.

£11,016,502 SAVINGS

Last week a total of £11,016,502 War Savings was raised, of which £5,436,666 was from the sale of Savings Certificates, £1,393,350 from Defence Bonds and £4,186,486 from an increase in deposits in the Post Office and Trustee Savings Banks.

ACKNOWLEDGED

For "A. B."—Received from anonymous reader, £4. Many thanks.

Man And Maid, Magistrate And The Money

THE father of a nineteen-year-old Fleet Air Arm mechanic told Sir Gervais Rentoul, the West London magistrate, yesterday that he was opposed to his son's marriage to a girl who, he said, "only wanted to increase her coffers with the Service allowance in order to gad about."

The son, Sidney Greenfield, declared that his father was "being ridiculous." He successfully applied for consent to his marriage to Miss Patricia Jenkins, of Testerton-st., South Kensington.

When the father, Frederick Charles Greenfield, of Faroe-rd., West Kensington, said that he was only concerned with his son's future well-being, the magistrate replied: "I quite agree the boy is very young to get married, but, on the other hand, he is old enough to be serving and fighting for his country.

"You suggest that the girl only wants to marry your son for the allowance. He is a man now, and has to stand on his own feet."

When Second Front Opens

H.G. TO BE CALLED OUT AS FULL-TIME ARMY

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

WHEN the Second Front opens and the Allies invade the Continent from Britain, many Home Guards will be mustered. They will virtually become full-time soldiers until the emergency is over.

Their job will be to "hold the fort" at home while the Army is establishing itself securely on the Continent.

They may have to help to beat off a counter-invasion, if the enemy attempts one, or hunt down German airborne troops who may attempt to destroy communications or airfields on this side.

THOSE TO BE MUSTERED WILL INCLUDE MANY OF THE MORE ACTIVE AND ABLE-BODIED MEN.

Many Civil Defence wardens who have been attached to the Home Guard in recent months for weapon training will also be called out for H.G. duty.

B.B.C. Questions Mr. Everyman

QUESTIONS that Mr. Everyman and his wife are asking about the sort of world they will live in after the war will form the theme of a new series of B.B.C. talks.

Questions will not be tackled in any academic fashion, but will get down to earth in terms of personal problems. Here are examples:

The Housewife: How long will rationing continue?

The Soldier: What about my job?

The Plain Man: Fifteen millions a day for war—why not for peace?

For the first talk in the series "The World We Want," on October 4, men and women in all walks of life—in the street, in the "local" and on the village green—will be asked what they are worried about, and what they are working for. They will "state their case."

After that introduction Sir William Beveridge will discuss: "Can Unemployment be Prevented?" dealing with married women, planning industry and making labour mobile.

Later speakers will deal with world markets, security and wealth.

The series will run till November. Two other parts will follow—one under the general title "Preventing War," and the other "Is Security Enough?"

"Ban 'Colour-Bar' Hotels" Plea

MR. DRIBERG (Ind., Maldon) is to ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food:

"If he will consider withdrawing the catering licence of any hotel or other catering establishment which attempts to introduce discrimination based on colour amongst its customers."

Disablement Pay Decision

THE War Office is issuing to all Home Guard units a new ruling on disablement allowances, which lays down that:

"Members of the Home Guard who suffer permanent partial disablement the result of an injury attributable to Home Guard service, are eligible to receive during their continued membership of the Home Guard a partial disablement allowance, equivalent to the disability pension granted to a discharged soldier of the rank of private with a similar disability."

The ruling was made following representations made by the local British Legion for a Leicester Home Guard who lost an eye in a grenade explosion.

25,000 AIRMEN IN NEED OF HELP

"There are 25,000 cases on our books and they are still pouring in," said Lord Riverdale, chairman of the fund, opening an RAF Benevolent Fund week at Manchester yesterday.

"Many demands will be made on the fund after the war," he said.

Magistrate Was Bachelor, Too

"I am getting married today and I have spent all my savings," a motorist summoned for a speeding offence told Mr. Claude Wilson, the South-Western Court magistrate, yesterday.

"It is a solemn thought that this is the last day you will roam the earth as a happy, care-free bachelor. Pay ten shillings," was the magistrate's comment.

Mr. Claude Wilson is a bachelor, too.

10 WEEK COTTAGES

The first two agricultural workers' houses in the Northern Region, at Wingate, Co. Durham, which were opened yesterday by the Easington Rural Council, were built in ten weeks.

Armstrong's 'Seven Seas' Epic

MILLIONS of "People" readers who enjoy the stories of Warren Armstrong will welcome his latest book, "Battle of the Oceans," to be published by Jarrolds, 47, Princes-gate, London, on October 7, at 12s. 6d. net.

In "Red Duster At War," Warren Armstrong gave us 1942's finest story of the Merchant Navy. His next book, which appeared this year, was called "Freedom of the Seas."

"Battle of the Oceans" is an epic story of courage, self-sacrifice, human endeavour, heartbreak suffering and heroism; a yarn which is bound to appeal to all who seek a thrill-packed story of sheer adventure.

Warren Armstrong, staunch champion of the cause of the Merchant Navy, has in this book produced what his publishers describe as "his most brilliant effort." It will contain a foreword by Admiral Sir Sydney Freemantle.

Congratulations To You!

"THE PEOPLE" has much pleasure today in offering congratulations to the following readers on the occasion of their wedding anniversaries:—

DIAMOND.—Mr. and Mrs. C. Field, Birmingham.

GOLDEN.—Mr. and Mrs. D. Barrett, Norwich: Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Empson, Enfield; Alderman and Mrs. Evans, Lowestoft; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Forster, Liverpool; Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs, Luton; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jarvis, Dover; Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin, Chelsea, S.W.; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sandford, Portsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. C. Watts, Littleport, Cambs.; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wright, Stretham, Ely.

RUBY.—Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Higgs, South Woodford, E.; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Johnson, Fetcham, Surrey; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Smith, West Bromwich.

SILVER.—Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Burgess, Kettering; Mr. and Mrs. G. Canty, Scunthorpe; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Goodbody, West Green, N.; Mr. and Mrs. Hedges, Bournemouth; Mr. and Mrs. Lawson, Streatham, S.W.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Mosdell, Worcester; Mr. and Mrs. H. Pack, Wisbech; Mr. and Mrs. F. Simpson, Fulham, S.W.

ALSO.—Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mockeridge, Bromley, Kent (51 years wed); Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Grace, Ipswich (46 years); Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Grantham, Guildford (42 years); Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Coe, Saffron Walden, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pitt, Grays (37 years); Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Thornton, Eastbourne (34 years); Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Carter, Lancing (20 years).

As Hannen Swaffer Sees It

RECONSTRUCTION, SO FAR, APPLIES ONLY TO THE GOVERNMENT. I FIND IN THE CHANGES NO EVIDENCE THAT, EVEN SO LATE AS THIS, POST-WAR PLANNING IS TO START SERIOUSLY.

Sir Kingsley Wood's cherubic smile at the Treasury has been replaced by Sir John Anderson's dourness. But the same influences—shell-back officialdom and "the City"—will still control the nation's purse.

Beaverbrook, this time outside the War Cabinet in which he and Ernest Bevin were unfriendly, is now Churchill's "general utility man."

And Richard Law gets a new name, "Minister of State." Well, if it pleases him....

But the New World is as far off as ever.

'DIPLOMACY' FAILS

ITS birth is impeded, not only by the old-fashioned "traditionalism" of the Premier's make-up but by the increasing difficulties of London - Moscow - Washington relationships. These can be disguised no longer.

Churchill, in Britain, is the leader of a national unity. Roosevelt, on the other hand, has to "play politics." His eye must always be on the election only a year ahead.

If he were beaten by a Republican of the narrow-minded type, the whole future of international understanding would, he knows, be imperilled.

So, to make sure of the Cordell Hull block of votes in the South, he had to drop the more progressive Sumner Welles.

PLACATING AMERICA

AND, whatever you may think of the idea of General Marshall becoming "global Commander-in-Chief," or even boss of the invasion of Europe—and this might annoy much Whitehall dignity—you must remember that the mass of the American people are not, in their minds, in the European war.

To many millions of small-town citizens—and this is also true of many American airmen, soldiers and sailors—it is the war on the Japanese that is all-important.

Roosevelt and many of his Service chiefs know otherwise, of course. But even Col. Knox, the Secretary to the Navy, lectured us, last week, on our failure to understand the importance of the Pacific.

ANNOYING MOSCOW

AND it was Quebec's concentration on the Japanese war that drove Moscow further away from our counsels at a time when her all-conquering Soviet armies were driving forward at the cost of infinite blood and material.

If Stalin's armies entered Rumania before our complete conquest of Italy released the Balkans, a score of new problems would arise—unless our diplomatic policy and Moscow's were in complete agreement.

U.S.A. GETS IT WRONG

MORE and more, though, American forces are becoming involved in the European struggle. Already the praise for Sicily and Salerno has been given to Eisenhower, whose prowess is hailed in big type in the American papers.

Our stand in 1940—the share taken by the British Navy and the RAF—yes, and the exploits of the Eighth Army and the brilliance of Anderson and Montgomery—are almost forgotten.

WE PLAY SECOND

WHITEHALL, by sheer force of circumstances, is forced to yield the first place to Washington. The boss job, it would seem, must be held by an American.

And, frankly, although neither you nor I care who gets the job—a Briton or an American—so long as he is the best man, a Yankee's appointment would make dangerous the reactions on post-war Anglo-American relationship.

Millions of Americans, even more than now, would over-estimate their nation's share in the victory over Hitler. The result on their attitude towards a peace settlement might be disastrous.

PACIFIC v. EUROPE

ALL this makes more than ever necessary a London-Moscow-Washington line-up, without which no world policy is possible.

Millions of Americans demand more aid in the Pacific. Every Russian demands "a Second Front" and more aid in the West.

And we, between the two of them, are committed in our minds to a strategy which, whatever its limitations—and it is largely governed by the shipping situation—was thought out long ago, and has been very considerably successful.

The problem will not be solved by giving Richard Law, of the Foreign Office, a fancy title.

All these comments, scrappy though they seem, are a criticism of our fundamental weakness—the obvious lack of a courageous policy, either in the world of diplomacy or in regard to post-war problems.

THE EUSTON CIRCUS

I WAS more than annoyed, knowing all this, at the circus they made of the Premier's return. Why on earth should nearly all the Cabinet have to waste time, and petrol, to go to Euston to cheer a Winston they were going to see next morning, anyway?

The printed description of the cigars they smoked will be read in Moscow with cynicism.

This silly fashion began when Chamberlain went to kiss Hitler. Each time he returned from Germany the pantomime got worse until, after Munich and "Peace in our time," Ministers sat on window-sills in Downing Street so that they could be told to "Rest quietly in your beds."

Ministers should either be busy at work now, when man-power is so short, or else resting for the next day's task.

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WAR— ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD

THIS week an old shipmate paid me a surprise visit. Last trip we made together a U-boat got us, and we were picked up by vessels of different nationality and taken to ports far removed from each other; not for many a long month were we to come together again.

So, what could be more natural than that we should fall a-yarning? And I propose today to spin the epic story exactly as he told it to me. He said:

We steamed into the Bay in the face of a strong sou'-wester we hadn't expected, and lay there nearly 12 hours waiting fresh orders. Most of our cargo was destined for American and Australian troops pushing along in the general direction of Lae, and time was precious, though we knew nothing yet of our port of discharge.

But the weather veered and, for a while, took the place of the Japs as Public Enemy Number One; a miniature typhoon came sailing through a gap in the mountains behind the bay, swirled across the intervening space and hit us fair and square.

The after hatchways were ripped off and sent whirling into the sky, and heavy seas washed into the holds.

Then the engines became disabled, water rushed into the stoke-hold and there was a belch of steam and fumes like some obsolete volcano coming back to life.

She began to settle astern under the onslaught of a huge sea, accompanied by a terrific wind, suddenly heeled over and foundered.

The Lonely Hut

But, with the exception of three native firemen, we got away, decided to split up and make separate tracks for the foothills where there was some shelter from the tearing winds.

The second mate and I, with four other men, trudged along in the dark with giant bullfrogs making a hell of a noise and the tall bamboos creaking everywhere. The atmosphere was spooky enough.

We heard somebody chanting a hymn—at least, it sounded like one. And then things started to happen. The crickets were chirping a vicious accompaniment to the singer, mosquitoes were adding a nasty din in our ears, and then—we saw a faint glimmer of light.

Believe me, that little glow looked good to us! The chanting ceased and a woman's voice sang out a couple of words that sounded like "Syria Kay."

I answered in English, but the second mate, who'd been on the Philippine trades before Pearl Harbour, and could speak the lingo, said the girl wanted to know who we were. So we told her.

She came out of a bamboo cabin and, when we had all been a lonely missionary hut, looked us over and said come in and rest awhile.

But—boy!—was it hot? Flies and jigger-fleas and 'skeeters and bullfrogs—and the heat!

We couldn't sleep, but we did rest our feet, smelled the rice she cooked us some rice, gave each of us a pot with some sticky stuff in it, telling us we'd need it before we reached civilisation again, and sent us on our way heading for a point on the other side of the big island where, she said, the typhoon would have missed and where we would likely bump into an advance post held by the Yanks.

"But we were to find nobody, the further we trudged; we did about nine miles through jungle and swamp the second day and saw nothing.

On the fifth or sixth morning we heard distant gunfire; then we came across a bamboo house with a bomb crater about 50 yards off. The place was deserted.

For three more days we legged it through dark, deep, unlighted canyons of tall timber, along a river-bank and into still more swamp. As we went we tried consoling ourselves that whatever else happened, we and the Japs were at last fighting a common enemy —flies, "mossies" and malaria.

Fantastic Sight

In this sort of steaming wet country the first real bite of a 'skeeter is usually the last—so far as the victim is concerned.

Then we remembered those pots of sticky stuff the girl'd given us, and we rubbed it on faces, necks, arms and legs, and it certainly did the trick.

Then, on the morning of the tenth day, at about the end of our tether, we broke through the bamboo and came out to a thin stretch of sand, as fantastic a sight as a lovely platinum blonde down at the cool-fountain.

There was a fresh water spring running out on to the sand, and mango and breadfruit on the edge of a clearing, so we had a drink, a feed, cleaned ourselves up a bit, snatched a spell of sleep and were just beginning to fancy our chances as modern Robinson Crusoes when, out of the blue, a big American bomber headed straight for our newly established settlement, circled slowly, came down lower, dropped some first-aid gear and a few other supplies, dipped a wing and sheered off.

We watched her go . . . and, then, just before sundown, a Yank destroyer came curving around the eastern extremity of the island, flashed us a signal, lowered a boat and took us aboard.

That ship had come straight through from a big scrap near Samarinda, and could her crew tell us a story, or could they? If a fellow wanted to write a thriller about war in the jungle he'd have got all the dope he wanted from those destroyer men.

They told us a story of sheer courage it'd be hard to equal in any campaign: Aussies and New Zealanders and old-timers from Britain, men out of Greece and Crete and Syria, who had fought those yellow rats to a standstill on the Papuan beaches.

But they didn't only fight the Japs; they waged war against the eternal heat and slime and mud and swamp and all the living creeping and flying things in a Pacific inferno, right on the very doorsteps of the Tokyo invaders.

They hunted 'em, shot 'em, knifed 'em, speared 'em sometimes with native spears. They trudged the boots off their feet, then they wrapped them in bandages, and trudged off those bandages.

They got jiggers under the skin, and their feet swelled like sick footballs. But none of it stopped 'em fighting those fanatical little men who refuse to admit defeat.

They went down with dysentery and malaria and bush typhus. They lived on God knows what. They crawled on their bellies through jungle and they shinned up mountain sides.

And, remember, *those were decent city white men who'd never before been in country like this—but they out-manoeuvred the Japs, they licked 'em hollow when it came to jungle-craft and sheer cunning, and they killed 'em with unbelievable ease.*

When they'd done all that the survivors trudged back to the coast. Back to the sight of blue faces of friendly men . . . who, at first, didn't recognise these "savages"!

That's what war's been like out there!

At the end of that month the second mate and I joined a supply ship bringing an American light squadron which was operating somewhere off New Georgia; a week later we boarded a ship bound to have the privilege of front row seats in the Battle of Kula Gulf.

And if anybody thinks that a month's pay the people of Britain have never heard of a sea battle by that name.

It looked as if it'd be a slaughter. Those Yankee warships were outnumbered and outgunned right from the start; facing them in the darkness was a big Japanese force. . . . *But that battle just HAD to be won!*

Eerie Silence

Y'see, an American task force was waiting to break the Jap defences at a near-by vital anchorage; it'd failed in that attack many times; months of jungle-fighting might have been added to the war. . . .

The reprisals would have been dangerous enough without additional provocation. Rumour had it, and word of the American plans somehow got through to a Jap naval base.

Then, as the sun was setting, a Yankee aircraft reported two big and two light cruisers and a force of destroyers steaming flat-out for our position, and those landing-boys didn't seem to have a ghost of a chance now.

An hour later the sun had gone sizzling down behind the horizon and, from where we lay offshore, the bullfrogs were beginning their usual din and flying things were getting in our eyes and ears and noses, and down our necks and up our sleeves and trouser-legs, enough to drive a fellow crazy.

But not a man moved . . . barring those plaguey insects the quiet was the silence of a seaman with the soft lap of the water.

The hour of eleven, then twelve, came and went, and the clock ticked on to just past one; it'd started to rain by now and the sea was beginning to heave itself up in uncomfortable humps; not the type of weather any commander would normally choose to fight a surprise action, *but a hell of a lot depended to both sides on what was soon to take place* in this area!

Tense Moments

The Japs came in around from the no'thard of the Gulf; through our night-glasses we could just make out the outline of the flotilla.

And then . . . and then, that Japanese admiral made one false move, the mistake of his life. His ships swung, veered round and had the shore behind 'em.

And a split-second later the American commander was radioing "Plan A. Stand-by for firing!" Those turning-circles went into action, like all hell with the lid off. . . .

There was a blue-white explosion which outlined the shore and the tall trees and sent a million sparks shooting up towards the stars; the first of the enemy cruisers had gone!

A second ship followed her; a third, a fourth and a fifth! You never saw anything like it; the shooting of those "ships" was something our own Whale Island gunners could never better; they slammed 'em in, H.E. into that Jap flotilla like peas coming out of a pod, and then some!

Another turned-to, another, a fourth, and two more ships blew up. One of 'em "bought it," too, and went down a flaming mass; she was the cruiser Helena. But she died fighting.

She was running short of H.E., but she dished out what she'd got left with a magnificent gesture . . . it was a show I'll never forget.

It had started shortly after one-thirty and it was all over within the hour. After the smoke had cleared and crest-fallen, the survivors from the enemy flotilla put about and made for the cover of darkness with all the speed they could muster.

We heard tell, later, that they joined forces the remainder of the flotilla and started back to finish us off . . . *but thought better of it!*

Battle Of Giants

THE speaker helped himself to a fill from my tobacco-jar, lighted his corncob, inhaled deeply and watched me carefully as I finished my notes. "What does a seaman most good after a good yarn. . . .

He put down the emptied glass: Y'know, I sometimes wonder whether we realise what a battle we've been being fought on the other side of the world.

To the people of Britain Italy and Germany are front-page news. To the Russians the Front is pretty well all that counts.

But to the Americans or the majority of them, Australians in the Pacific, not war in Europe or war around Tobruk or in the Balkans are the Middle East.

And war out *there* is a man-sized war with all the additional discomforts and the sheer horrors of the jungle and those flying things and creeping, crawling, pests, not mention slithery little Japs with knives and bayonets, and the temperature always climbing right out of the top of the thermometer day in, night out.

Soon—how soon it is hard to say but soon the Japs will be forced to make a last stand in this New Guinea area. After that, maybe, the end may come suddenly, but places like Tokyo feeling the full effects of total war from air and sea.

Come to think of it . . . it'd pay us *here* to watch developments *out there!*

Before we parted company my old shipmate said: Well, old man, it's a real battle of the giants. A battle for the mastery of the entire Pacific, and I know who's winning it!

Close-Up Of History's Strangest Campaign

BY Warren Armstrong

(Late Engineer Officer, Merchant Navy)

Aussies in New Guinea. This picture was taken only 100 yards from the Jap positions.

LYNDOE TELLS YOU—

TO the fatal blunder of attacking U.S.S.R. Germany makes the addition of a worse one.

While experts are assessing the "new line to be held," it is happening (as was stated here long since) that a withdrawal from the U.S.S.R. is taking place. The facts will be clear before next week-end.

Germany looks to eventual understanding with Russia, and I have very little doubt that some kind of negotiation is imminent. Expect dramatic events towards October 13.

The changes starting then alter the entire shape of this war, and, indeed, of the alliances upon which it is based.

This means only one thing:

HASTENING of agreements between Britain and U.S.A. will result. I think October events will settle many present arguments and provoke the great reaction which sets Anglo-Saxon ambitions soaring. Mark well that war-aims harden realistically in terms of Continental controls of severity.

I add, born of sudden realisation that (solid as we are upon the splendid intentions of some neutrals, and others) we are being handed yet more treachery.

U.S.A. will take October revelations even more to heart than Britain. She will not have our alliance fooled about with.

So, a mighty show-down, a fresh stir-up of Europe's cauldron which leads to a line-up unsuspected in 1939, but boldly indicated by me.

The simple truth is that ideological considerations are coming uppermost. A subsequent reshuffle is inevitable. It advantages us beyond all hopes.

Among other things, the positions of Finland, of Spain and Portugal, and of Turkey, will have new perspectives. Italian "converts to democracy" will have some shocks from Washington. There will be some, too, for Old World diplomats playing the status quo game.

AS I write the American House of Representatives adopts a resolution pledging U.S.A. to take part in international machinery after the war. It will be at a price. In coming weeks America will confront Europe's madhouse with a virtual ultimatum. "Cut out the undercover business or count us out of the chats, except in the role of Big Stick policemen!"

I believe Britain will then change much of her foreign policy towards entirely (note the word!) of Anglo-American ideas of world order. I have never believed in the namby-pamby "choose-your-own-government" attitude towards the Axis and Axis satellites . . . or the other sob-stuff.

Germany knows what is coming and (don't delude yourselves!) prefers, and prepares for, any alternative to Anglo-Saxon domination. The logical idea that she will end in Russia and allow us free scope to drive into her belly is unfactual.

Her aim is a "new régime," the same sham-Socialism as in 1919, a get-out through pity-and-secret alliances (due this year, at that!).

MEANTIME, these sickening "conversions," pity-mongering, and the rest of the humbug. It's even unpopular to utter the words today! But let the next two or three months' cold-blooded treachery astonish us and U.S.A. speak for themselves. By then that "next war's" shadows will be plain enough to waken new—and, for Germany, uglier—energies in our camp!

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BRIEF BIRTHDAY INDICATIONS

(Applying to those whose anniversaries occur this week)

TODAY.—Settled type of year with no sense of special difficulties. Assistance from relatives and old friends likely to prove effective to success. Pleasing developments in home life.

TOMORROW.—Mistakes largely due to over-anxiousness. Delay negotiations need maximum care, especially where £ s. d. is involved. Changes tend to work out badly.

TUESDAY.—Good planetary conditions for advancement, especially in business. Please be tactful to avoid failure to reach an understanding on a matter concerning a contract or agreement.

WEDNESDAY.—Changes—but you had better be cautious about them. Financial commitments appear to be favoured here is marked lack of friction with others.

THURSDAY.—Financial gains well on the cards. Good day to work hard, year in business. Personal initiative is most important factor in situation. Changes better recommended.

FRIDAY.—Good progress in most matters. Financial position appears satisfactory, in spite of minor losses due to faulty speculation. Family activities likely to produce maximum benefits. Happiness indicated in home affairs.

SATURDAY.—Year of major changes. New ventures work out more successfully than expected and likely to turn in your favour. Avoid unnecessary worry whatever need special care.

HOW WE ALL STAND THIS WEEK

(Look for your birth date below to find your section)

SEPT. 26 to OCT. 2.—Pleasant week, with no signs of special difficulties. Your best plan is to go quietly owing to risk of misunderstandings. Friday brings good settlement.

OCT. 3 to NOV. 22.—Quarrels well in evidence as week opens. Thursday to the 14th cause trouble. Avoid Kinsmen and increase your blood and you will avoid worry. Sat. 16 to Tues. 19 quite favourable for new ventures.

NOV. 23 to DEC. 20.—Beginning of week quiet. Wednesday to Friday will be ruled out for important negotiations. Caution is advised on Thursday when situation takes unexpected turn.

DEC. 21 to JAN. 29.—Week likely to be stormy. Advise you to keep out of arguments. Tuesday to Thursday when situation takes unexpected turn.

JAN. 30 to FEB. 28.—Quiet week with little to suggest major developments. Wednesday to Friday favourable for attempting changes. Decisions reached at this time progress to the point extra rest to offset feeling of depression.

MARCH 1 to MARCH 20.—Early part of week quiet. Tuesday to Thursday favourable day for important negotiations, especially if U.S.A. is involved. More settlement towards end of week.

MARCH 21 to APR. 20.—After financial crisis on Monday there are signs of pleasing developments on Tuesday which should increase in both business and personal affairs.

APR. 21 to MAY 20.—Maintain caution essential at mid-week. Risk of set-backs in matters concerning negotiations. Take things quietly for a time, especially Wednesday and Saturday.

MAY 21 to JUNE 20.—Satisfaction of crisis at mid-week. Clash with authority on Monday. Mid-week likely to be stormy. Advise you to keep out of arguments. Tuesday to Thursday when situation takes unexpected turn.

JUNE 21 to JULY 20.—Early part of week quiet. Tuesday to Thursday favourable day for important negotiations, especially if U.S.A. is involved. More settlement towards end of week.

JULY 21 to AUG. 21.—After financial crisis on Monday there are signs of pleasing developments on Tuesday which should increase in both business and personal affairs.

AUG. 22 to SEPT. 25.—Maintain caution essential at mid-week. Risk of set-backs in matters concerning negotiations. Take things quietly for a time, especially Wednesday and Saturday.

BOOK OF POWER

IN "The Secret Book of Power" by Dr. Frederick Bligh Bond (London: The People's Press, 8, Bell Street, 2/6) I find much that (on one point) Edgard Leoncavallo tells you how to make a success. This simply written guide to the practical use of the power of magic for best ends to get what you want is worth reading.

ANSWERS TO TEASERS

(See Page Two)

1. Toronto; 2. Hungary; 3. Clarendon; 4. Montgomery; 5. Cockpit; 6. Carlton. 7. Ireland; 8. Etiquette; 9. Madrigal; 11. Pillage; 12. School.

FOOD FACTS

Hints for the HOUSEHOLD HARVEST

GREEN TOMATO CHUTNEY

Ingredients: 4 lb. ripe tomatoes, 1 lb. onions, 1 lb. sugar, 1 teaspoonful salt, 4 oz. pickling spices (cloves, allspice, cinnamon, ginger, mace, and mustard, or those which are available mixed according to taste), 1 pint vinegar. *Method:* Cook the onion in a very little water until soft. Then mix in all the other ingredients except the sugar and vinegar. Add just enough vinegar to prevent burning and add more as the chutney thickens. After about 1½ hours cooking the chutney should be quite thick, and at the end of the vinegar and the sugar should be added. Cook until the chutney is like thick jam.

DRIED ONIONS

ONIONS which are unobtainable for storing will still can be dried for winter use as a flavouring for soups and stews. Trim and slice the bulbs and put them in salted water for a minute or two (one tablespoonful salt to one quart water). Then spread on trays and dry slowly in a cool oven until they are crisp. Store whole or powdered in jars or tins. The outer skins of onions can be saved and dried in the same way.

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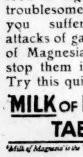

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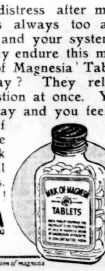

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LIFE'S BIG PROBLEMS

By The People's Friend

THE nurse put the bowl of pink roses on the table in the middle of the ward and walked away. Outside the dry and dusty Sicilian countryside lay still and breathless under the cruel afternoon sun.

But there on the shady table, in the middle of the room that had been bare and empty, there rose stood a bowl of fresh pink flowers. And the eyes of every man in the ward were upon them.

* * *

EVEN those too weak and ill to sit up propped themselves on their elbows or rolled slowly over to stare with pleasure at the roses.

For the roses had wrought a little miracle of their own in the stuffy ward of that front-line hospital. They had brought a sudden coolness and freshness there and a reminder that there was still beauty left in the world.

* * *

IT was, as one of them said, as though a little corner of an English garden had been transplanted there, and every man as he looked at the bowl of roses remembered his own thoughts of home and felt in that moment a sudden surge of hope and inspiration.

For somehow the flowers symbolised what all the fighting had been for, and they knew that it was a splendid cause and worth all their sacrifice and suffering.

Useful and Universal

THE WAR-TIME A·B·C

By "HOUSEWIFE"

UNIFORMS Unusual, Under and Useful are four of the first words that come to my mind when I think of the letter "U." There are dozens of others, all of which will remind you of some useful hint or two you have discovered that others would like to hear about. To our new ABC Clothes, cooking, housekeeping, children and fuel problems are the ones wanted most. Half a guinea is awarded to the sender of each one published. Write your hint or recipe on a postcard—keep it short and pithy. Name, address at the foot. Send to Housewife, The People, Tower House, Long Acre, London, W.C.2, to arrive not later than Wednesday, September 29. Here are last week's prizewinners:

TOPICAL TIPS

TOMATO and onion filling for sandwiches. Method: skin tomatoes, mash with fork, add chopped onion to taste, season with pepper and salt, leave to stand for 1 hour. This is a tasty and refreshing sandwich filling.—Mrs. B. Whitmore, 38 Holland-rd. Wallsey Ches.

TASTY SARDINES

QUARTER-LB. self-raising flour, 2 oz. grated cheese, 1 dessertspoonful dried egg, 4 teaspoonful salt. Mix these to very stiff paste with little water. Roll out thinly. Drain oil from tin of sardines. Roll each sardine in grated cheese, place on a square of pastry (about 4 inches square) moisten edges and fold. Fry to gold brown each side in hot fat. Serve hot.—Mrs. L. J. Legg, 5, Irene-rd., Parsons Green, London, S.W.6.

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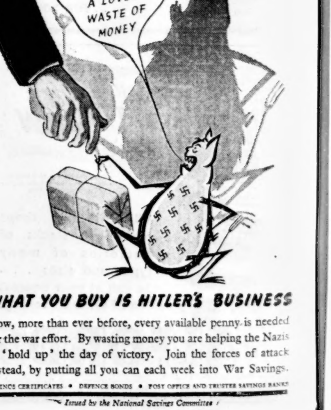

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HEART-BEATS OF THE BATTLING BRITISH

A Backward Glance

By Piers England

I SEEM to spend half my time shrieking with rage at the folly and the wickedness of some people, and the other half gurgling with admiration at the courage and goodness of some others.

I am always being pulled about by conflicting emotions. It always happens that, just as I am drawing a deep breath for an unprecedentedly violent snort of disgust, something happens that makes me change my policy, so to speak, and let out the deep breath in a shout of pleasure.

And, of course, it always goes contrariwise; this is a strange world.

There is an awful lot of wickedness in the world, and even more stupidity. But now and again one sees, like a vista of eternity glimpsed in a moment of enlightenment, a bright glint of pure goodness in people.

Beneath The Surface

Time and time again, scratching away in the silted muck of humanity, I have struck gold. There is a great vein of generosity in mankind...... especially in Britain.

The other day—it was on the fourth anniversary of the war—I wrote a sort of lay sermon in the dead of night, and prefaced it with a gloomy, half-maudlin, self-pitying outburst dealing with insomnia, and strongly tinged with the melancholy that comes with it.

The reaction of my readers moved me......not exactly to tears, but certainly to a temporary unsteadiness of voice. It brought what the old novelists used to call "a lump" in my throat.

By Tuesday seven hundred letters had arrived from all parts of the country.

Wednesday brought several hundred more. And every one of these letters expressed in the most generous terms imaginable a feeling of honest good will and affection.

Everybody wanted to be helpful.

"IT is the sanity of the British people that makes them what they are ....their strength....and their kindness.... And here, where homes had crashed in flames and dust from the German bombs, this A.R.P. worker yet had time to spare a kindly thought for the tot who had lost his toys.

Good God, how kind you are! And who am I to deserve the fellow-feeling of so many sweet people?

I was offered packets of herbs, boxes of pills, and well-tried recipes for insomnia. Many people offered to give me their gramophones, and many more assured me that they wished they had a gramophone so that they could give me one.

Others invited me to come and stay with them at the most pleasant-sounding addresses in the most peaceful parts of the country.

I was overwhelmed by a feeling of the profoundest gratitude to you all, and wanted to write to every one of you and tell you so.

Good Nature

But I work single-handed, and couldn't possibly find the time to do this. So I tell you, now, that the good hearts of ladies and gentlemen like you are the light and the hope of the world.

I am ashamed at having dragged the trivial personal affairs of the least important of men—myself—into these columns.

Space in newspapers, in times like these, is valuable; it is needed for matters of national importance....which I am not.

Nevertheless, I must thank you, and, in thanking you I must say this:—

You, my friends, *are* of national importance. You, the people of Britain, are of world-wide importance, in your sanity, your gentleness, your strength, your honour, and your good nature.

It does not matter whether I sleep or wake; but I can tell you something that does matter very much—the fact that you, who have troubles of your own compared with which mine are mere flea-bites, wanted to reach out and lend a helping hand to me, a stranger.

Your response, your will to help, makes me feel more certain than ever that there is hope for the agonised earth. And so, from the bottom of my heart, I thank you.

You, the people of Britain, have from time immemorial set an example to the world in your unalterable decency, your courage, and your love of fair play.

I have never ceased to wonder at the extraordinary mixture of fine qualities that go to make you what you are. The other day, from a dusty corner of my bookcase I happened to take down an odd volume of that remarkable, rattling old work called "Boxiana."

This is a kind of encyclopædia of boxing in the old days of bare knuckles, the mighty days of the Fancy when boxing, that most English of sports, was in its glory, before the inevitable rottenness and corruption set in as the big money took hold of the game.

Those were the days of terrific contests between men like Tom Cribb and the immortal Belcher ....when combatants stood toe-to-toe in a twenty-four foot ring and fought to a finish for a small purse and a great deal of honour.

It can be argued, I suppose, that boxing is a brutal sport, and that in the days of bare fists it was more brutal still. But I don't believe this.

There is no cruelty in British boxing; the opponents give and take punishment without delight in it, to prove which is the better man.

I am not speaking of the kind of advertised contest that brings in a million dollars in gate-money and involves pugilists in something like the trickery of high finance.

I am thinking of the contest in 1824 between Langan, the Irish champion, and Tom Spring, of England.

True To Type

It is strange how I manage to slip from one subject to another! But here, roughly, is the process of thought that leads me to give you, of all things, a prize-fight story:—

I was thinking of you, the kindest people on earth and the most courageous and enduring... You are typical of Britain.... Tom Spring has gone down in boxing history as being in his courtesy and bravery one of the most perfect representatives of the British temperament that ever jumped a rope.

Strength and gentleness; these were in my mind as virtues that belong to you. And so I came around to Tom Spring.

It will do you no harm to read a little about the type of Briton that helped to make the fine traditions of sportsmanship by which Britain lives.

So....imagine that you are near Chichester on Tuesday, June 8, 1824. The crowd is gathered. The ring is set. The Irish champion enters the ring with a black silk handkerchief round his neck, and Tom Spring, wearing dark blue with a bird's-eye pattern, makes ready.

Both men are in the pink of condition. Spring, open-faced and smiling, goes up to Langan and shakes his hand in the friendliest way. The crowd applauds.

The battle opens. This is going to be a hard and desperate fight. Langan draws first blood, but Spring beats him to his knees.

So, with the fall, the round ends, and Spring pats the Irish champion on the back to indicate that he thinks him a good fellow.

Round two: they warm up. The Irishman rushes in like a bull. Spring dances away. They clinch. Spring's face is badly battered. There is some savage in-fighting.

Spring goes down and Langan falls on top of him. Thunderous applause as the round ends.

Third round: Both men are fighting hard but cautiously. Langan is determined to win this fight. He bears down on Spring like an avalanche.

Langan falls. The round ends, but Spring's left hand is almost broken.

Remember, these old prize-fights were fierce affairs.

Round four: Spring goes down again.

Round five: This is what the ringside reporter says, in the queer jargon of the day: "The left ear of Langan exhibited strong symptoms *of pepper;* he was also *piping* very much; and his want of *condition* was visible to every judge of *milling.*

"The superior science of Spring enabled him to get away from a number of heavy blows. Langan followed his opponent, *trying* to do something. Two counter-hits, which reminded both of the men they were *milling;* the *claret* rap from Spring's *nose.*

"Spring planted a facer: and after a most determined struggle on both sides, as Langan was going down, the Champion very cleverly hit him a hard blow on the nose. *That's the way, Spring, you'll soon win it.*"

But not so soon. The sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth rounds pass, hard and fierce; the eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth rounds are fought. Langan is tough. Spring is weakening.

By the fifteenth round the left hand of Spring is gone; broken, puffed up like a balloon. He is fighting with one arm. But he is fighting on, in awful pain.

By the twentieth round it seems that Spring, that game man, is recovering; his confidence is unimpaired. Yet Langan won't give in.

The twenty-seventh round Spring's right hand is getting bad now. Both men are covered with blood. But they fight furiously.

Spring wins the twenty-ninth round. Langan wins the thirtieth. But Spring, again, wins round thirty-one, thirty-two and thirty-three.

But Langan, terribly distressed as he is, won't give in.

In round thirty-five they stand toe-to-toe and slug it out until Langan falls. In round thirty-six the same thing happens until spectators cry out that the fight should be stopped.

But Langan says that he will not give in, and that he will win. Imagine this .... Thirty-eight, forty, forty-five, fifty rounds are fought out, and the men are still fighting. Spring is winning now. But who knows?

Langan wins round fifty-four. Then Spring wins every round up to the *sixty-eighth,* when Langan says, "I will not be taken away; I can win it." Perhaps he can; Spring's hands are smashed.

Round seventy-three. Jack Randall says: "Tom Belcher, take him away; he cannot win it now." But Langan will not be taken away. He fights on, and both men seem to be dead on their feet.

Then at last they come into the ring for round seventy-six. Langan is nearly unconscious. So is Spring. But Spring knocks Langan down.

Langan becomes unconscious after nearly two hours of the most appalling fighting, and Tom Spring's hands are so badly battered and broken that he cannot fight again.

But then he gets up, leaves his corner, goes to Langan and manages to shake hands with him.

Langan asks: "Is the battle over?"

"Yes."

"Oh, dear," says Langan.

But Spring, shaking his hand again, says: "Jack, you and I must be friends to the end of our lives; and anything that is in my power I will do to serve you. When I see you in town I will give you ten pounds."

And later on, Langan, recovering in bed from the frightful beating he had received, said to Spring's backer: "I am obliged to you, sir. If it was not for such gentlemen as you in the sporting world we should have no fights. Tom Spring is a smart, clever fellow, and I wish him well."

And that was the end of the matter.

I do not need to offer any comment on this. It sprang to my mind as a sublime illustration of the qualities I so admire in the British people.... And somehow, it was your kindness to me that made me think of it.

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ASCOT MAY BREAK TOTE RECORD

DON'T be surprised if Ascot's Daily Double pool on Saturday returns a record dividend (writes Larry Lynx). With the Cambridgeshire and Cesarewitch forming the two "legs," plus the prospect of the fields in each event bordering on 30 runners, success of a couple of rank outsiders may well set the racing world agog.

Most of the owners with horses engaged will want to have a cut in, and preliminary wagering indicates that the bookies will go 10 to 1 the field in the Cesarewitch at the "off" and 7 or 8 to 1 in the shorter race.

This is as it should be, for both races are particularly open affairs. Practically every horse in the Cesarewitch will be backed by somebody or other even if the Cambridgeshire can be narrowed down to a dozen of the leading fancies.

Vic Smyth's pair—Haze and First Edition—are to run on their merits. So far as I can gather, one is fancied as much as the other. All I do know is that First Edition is reported to have done better than his stable companion in a recent gallop.

My Cambridgeshire fancy is Hasty Shot, who is likely to retain his position in the market as first favourite. This animal has never run a bad race at Ascot. It was decided some time ago to reserve him for the Cambridgeshire.

My shot at the double is Hasty Shot and The Towkay, but a mix-up of Vic Smyth's horses might well show a profit if you care to have more than one bet

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IRISH RACING SURPRISE

Big surprise in the Irish St. Leger at The Curragh yesterday. The result appeared to be a foregone conclusion for the Irish 2,000 Guineas and Derby winner, The Phœnix, but he was beaten five lengths by Solferino, who had been runner-up to him in the Guineas and third to him in the Derby.

YOUR SATURDAY DOGS

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The 220 yards handicap for the W. Battersby Cup was won in the Serpentine yesterday by A. Geoffrey (55 sec. start), with W. Sabey (28 sec.) second and L. Fabian (65 sec.) third. Won by a yard.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

INTERNATIONAL MATCH

ENGLAND	8	WALES	3

FOOTBALL LEAGUE (SOUTH)

ALDERSHOT	3	WATFORD	3
BRIGHTON	1	ARSENAL	1
CHELSEA	3	FULHAM	0
CLAPTON ORIENT	0	WEST HAM	4
CRYSTAL PALACE	1	BRENTFORD	1
MILLWALL	2	LUTON	2
PORTSMOUTH	1	QUEEN'S PARK R.	1
READING	1	CHARLTON	0
TOTTENHAM	2	SOUTHAMPTON	2

FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NORTH)

BIRMINGHAM	1	NORTHAMPTON	3
BLACKPOOL	3	STOCKPORT	2
BOLTON	4	MANCHESTER C.	1
BRADFORD	3	SHEFFIELD W.	1
BURNLEY	0	EVERTON	0
CHESTERFIELD	3	NOTTS COUNTY	0
COVENTRY	0	LEICESTER	1
CREWE	2	SOUTHPORT	5
DARLINGTON	3	BRADFORD C.	1
GATESHEAD	3	HARTLEPOOLS	3
GRIMSBY	1	BARNSLEY	0
HALIFAX	1	CHESTER	4
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YORK	2	NEWCASTLE	0

FOOTBALL LEAGUE (WEST)

ABERAMAN	2	SWANSEA	2
BRISTOL C.	3	LOVELL'S	2
CARDIFF	7	BATH	2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (SOUTH)

ALBION	3	ST. MIRREN	3
CLYDE	2	HIBERNIAN	1
DUMBARTON	4	MOTHERWELL	2
HAMILTON	2	AIRDRIE	1
HEARTS	0	CELTIC	0
MORTON	2	THIRD LANARK	1
QUEEN'S PARK	3	PARTICK	1
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HIGHEST AGGREGATES: ENGLAND .. 8 WALES .. 3; WREXHAM .. 9 TRANMERE .. 0

RUGBY LEAGUE.—Batley 23, York 5; Hunslet 14, Dewsbury 17; Keighley 5, Featherstone 3; St. Helens 5, Barrow 24; Wakefield 15, Halifax 6; Wigan 15, Oldham 10; Bradford 28, Leeds 3; Hull 18, Huddersfield 8.

RUGBY UNION.—Guy's Past 3, Present 33; Rosslyn Park 42, Charing Cross Hos. 0; Bath 38, Army XV 3; Bristol 36, RAF XV 0; Coventry 36, Combined Works 0; South Wales 9, RAF XV 9; Newport 17, Gloucester XV 3; Nuneaton 13, Leicester Harlequins 0.

Jockeys Injured At Salisbury

THREE jockeys were badly thrown during a race at Salisbury yesterday. In a big field of 27 runners, Lovetin and Bright Lady, two Cesarewitch horses, and Portulan fell seven furlongs from home in the Lulworth Handicap.

Fred Lane, the rider of Bright Lady, G. Cannon on Lovetin and Sep. Smith on Portulan were all taken to Salisbury Infirmary for treatment, where it was found that Lane had broken a collar-bone and Smith had fractured a jaw.

The Stewards held an inquiry into the cause of the accident. After hearing the evidence of jockeys who rode in the race, they decided that the falls were purely accidental and that nobody was to blame.

Record Goals For Wembley

RARELY have there been so many sensations as were packed into the international at Wembley yesterday.

The final score of England 8, Wales 3 brought the biggest tally of goals ever scored on the Wembley turf. Just before half-time three goals came in two minutes, while in another burst near the end England scored four goals in five minutes!

The match was also notable because a substitute was allowed, and at one time he nearly put Wales on top! Ivor Powell, the Welsh inside-left, was taken to hospital with a fractured clavicle, and permission was given for Mortensen, of Blackpool, the Welsh reserve, to take Powell's place.

The Blackpool man made his presence felt immediately, for two of his passes were converted into goals, while more than once he nearly scored himself!

WOODERSON FAILS

At an athletic meeting held at Reading, S. C. Wooderson, of Blackheath Harriers, running from scratch in the mile handicap, was beaten by R. Ruddick (Airscrews Athletic Club) (153 yards), whose time was 4 min. 15 2/5 sec. Wooderson's time was 4 min. 29 2/5 sec.

A. Humphreys, of South London Harriers, won the 30 miles road race promoted by his club at Coulsdon, his time being 3 hr. 31 min. 35 sec. South London Harriers filled the first three places and easily won the team race.

No Luxury Fight This Year

THE most expensive fight of the war will not take place this year. After twice being postponed, the plans for the heavyweight championship clash between Jack London and Freddie Mills have been thrown overboard for the moment, and if it goes on at all it will probably be staged in the open air next summer—and not at 25 guineas a seat.

Two postponements have killed the fight from the Queensberry Club box-office point of view (writes "Ringsider"). Although 175 seats at 25 guineas were booked for the fight, such support can hardly be expected if and when it is put on a third time.

Coming from the big shots to the lesser fry, I like the idea of promoter Jack Cappell giving the lads a chance. For his forthcoming Albert Hall shows he is giving some of the small-timers an opportunity of appearing on a big bill, and the first of them is seventeen-years-old Cliff Morris, a bantam from Pontypridd, South Wales.

Young Cliff will figure in a supporting bout to the ten-rounder between Ernie Roderick and Lefty Flynn at the Albert Hall on October 25.

Corpl. Arthur Danahar appears in one of the 14 bouts at the Riding School, Burgh Heath, Surrey, on Saturday in a programme in aid of the Boys' Surgical Home, Banstead.

SCOTTISH N.E. LEAGUE.—Aberdeen 2, East Fife 0; Dundee U. 4, Rangers 1; Raith 4, Dunfermline 2.

IRISH GOLD CUP.—Belfast Celtic 3, Linfield 1; Cliftonville 2, Derry 5; Glentoran 2, Distillery 3.

HERTS AND MIDDLESEX LEAGUE.—Barnet 2, Leyton 2; Grays 10, Wealdstone 4; Hitchin 3, Finchley 0; St. Albans 0, Golders Green 3; Tufnell Park 4, Clapton 2; Walthamstow Ave. 6, Slough 1; Wood Green 3, Southall 4.

SOUTH-EASTERN COMB.—Bromley 2, Dulwich Hamlet 4; Charlton R. 1, Sutton 2; Erith and Belvedere 9, Walton-on-Thames 1; Gravesend 0, Tooting and Mitcham 4; London Fire Forces 1, Met. Police 0.

GREAT WESTERN COMB.—Oxford City 6, Marlow 2; Slough 3, RAF (H.W.) 1; Windsor and Eton 2, Wycombe 4; Windsor Works (Slough) 1, Uxbridge 0.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR LEAGUE (North).—Edgware Town 7, Yiewsley 0; Maccabi 6, Hoovers 1. (South).—Acton U. 5, Polytechnic 1; Napier 3, Ordnance (Feltham) 2; R.N. Training Unit 3, R.A.P.C. (F.) 4.

OTHER MATCH.—Suffolk Navy XI 0, Norwich 1.

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YESTERDAY'S RACING

SALISBURY

12.30—FORTNALONG (A. Wragg), 100-8, 1; Magic Red (Beary), 10-1, 2; Bahara (Elliott), 2-1 (fav.), 3. Also ran: Date Palm, Farnborough, Kronsbee, Roman Friar, Albert Hall, Oakwood, Tibertha, Cumulus, Curves, Swarm, Starry Light, Statue of Liberty.

Tote.—Win: 21/-. Places: 3/9, 3/6, 2/3. Trained by O. Bell, Lambourn.

1.0—YOUNG STRATFORD (C. Richards), 11-2, 1; Young Fancy (Elliott), 15-8 (fav.), 2; Distingue (G. Richards), 7-2, 3. Also ran: Colophon, Pinch of Heaven, Flying Trapeze, Honeymoon, Poetic, Alton Towers, Huluk.

Tote.—Win: 10/6. Places: 2/9, 2/6, 3/6. Trained by Laye, Marlborough.

1.30—RUSCUS (A. Wragg), 10-1, 1; Sunny (F. Sharpe), 100-6, 2; Sheepcote (C. Horwood), 33-1, 3. Also ran: Lovetin, Abbeville, Pharatis, Royalist, Filum, Milling, Bright Lady, Rimika (fav.), Philemon, Freetown, Warweeks, Monsieur Pons, Dust-a-Blowing, Fetterangus, Lord Flame, Port Light, Portulan, Torrin, Bodney Boy, Drybob, Rostrum, Convoy, Nikrania, Miracure.

Tote.—Win: 23/6. Places: 8/-, 51/-, £5/18/9.

Trained by Parker.

2.0—TUDOR MAID (G. Richards), 4-11, 1; Senor Brume (Elliott), 11-4, 2; Mustang (T. Seed), 33-1, 3. Also ran: Magician, Maxim, Rockfoil.

Tote.—Win: 2/-. Places: 2/1, 2/1. Trained by F. Darling, Beckhampton.

2.30—ADVOCATE (A. Wragg), 8-1, 1; Colorama (B. Lynch), 25-1, 2; Ceimos (Beary), 11-2, 3. Also ran: Shining Light, Korinthos (fav.), Liquidamber, Ramelia, British Colombo, Silver Bill, Fleur de Lys, Tipstaff, Harroway, Boston Stump, Capital Entry, Prince Olaf, Aerial Lass, Moonbeam, Hangover, Paschette, Greyladies, Shenningtoa, Sonkin, Sobella.

Tote.—Win: 27/-. Places: 9/3, 38/-, 5/-. Trained by O. Bell, Lambourn.

3.0—SOMETHING (Elliott), 7-2, 1; Zaruba (Hardwidge), 33-1, 2; Uncharted (Carey), 11-2, 3. Also ran: Lido Lady, Pussy Willow (fav.), Pythagoras, Lady Dastur, Fortunedale, Empress Catharine, Patou, Tudor Lewis, Cockle Shell, Mieuxce Cross, Quick Study, Referee, Prince Cosmo, Strawberry Leaves, Financier, Molinia, Atlantic Ferry, Golden Sleigh.

Tote.—Win: 7/-. Places: 3/3, 18/6, 3/3. Trained by W. Payne, Epsom.

3.30—LANCEWOOD (A. Wragg), 11-4 (fav.), 1; Gone (C. Macdonald), 10-1, 2; Fun Fair (G. Richards), 3-1, 3. Also ran: Probation, Victory Torch, Ursulus, Victory Roll, Lucky Four, Dellascala, Magic Artist, Final Folly, Girton Girl, Dover Cliffs.

Tote.—Win: 4/9. Places: 2/6, 8/9, 3/3. Trained by V. Hobbs, Lambourn.

4.0—BONNY ONE (Hardwidge), 100-8, 1; Fairaim (G. Richards), 13-8 (fav.), 2; Villette (A. Wragg), 11-2, 3. Also ran: Summons, Quickslip, Round Robin, My Mistake, Comic Cuts, King's Double, Fairy Queen, Cedarwood, Romany Star, Quality, Miss Suzette, Rendezvous, Camberwell Road, Grand Advice, Mountain Shade Zone, Posthumous.

Tote.—Win: 45/9. Places: 6/3, 2/9, 5/-. Trained by Kilpatrick, Collingbourne Ducis. Tote Double.—£222/7/-. Eight tickets.

STOCKTON

2.30—SAMAURI (Nevett), 4-1, 1; Welsh Lord (D. Smith), 100-8, 2; Captain Gold (F. Maher), 100-30, 3. Also ran: Jovial Juror, Earache, Denver Star, Robin Redvest, Keepsake, Moonlighter, Culworth, Apperley, Madam Du Barry, Achray, Calliope, Brennan Blood, Francisca, The Belle of Summer, Second Choice, Omar Khayyam, Airvonia.

Tote.—Win: 8/9. Places: 3/9, 5/9, 3/6. Trained by M. Peacock, Middleham.

3.0—LADY ELECTRA (W. Stephenson), 2-9, 1; Bleneran (Shifner), 50-1, 2; Lioneira (Littlewood), 100-6, 3. Also ran: Montebello, Spearhead, School for Botany, War Savings, Cambay, Crestus, Tango, Home Guard.

Tote.—Win: 2/9. Places: 2/3, 14/6, 3/-. Trained by Ray, Malton.

3.30—ROYAL GLORY (Nevett), 20-1, 1; The Kernel (J. Sime), 33-1, 2; Olisdon (R. Lawson), 100-6, 3. Also ran: Capretto, Salsalvo, Sejanus, Glen Sheilister, Prince Merlin, Danusk, Coroado Grey (fav.), Tony, Collaboration, Umballa, Perilpus Record, Papana, Scratch, Channel Swell, Royal Palette, Precipitous, Stretto, Crœsus, Mytholm, Backbite.

Tote.—Win: 37/6. Places: 10/9, 27/3, 11/-. Trained by M. Peacock, Middleham.

4.0—STORMLESS (Nevett), 11-4 (fav.), 1; Gain (D. Smith), 100-7, 2; Plymouth (S. Clayton), 33-1, 3. Also ran: Yorkshire Hussar, Harvest Tune, Staplegrove, Happy Thoughts, Lion of Judah, Fair Wind, Good Humour, Larkhill, Broquart, Clos du Roi, Refulgent, Radio Normandie, Singaval, Little Pip, James Hook, River Nymph, Salmonella, Royal Yacht, Gilpin, Hundalee.

Tote.—Win: 11/9. Places: 5/9, 5/9, £29/14/-.

Trained by M. Peacock, Middleham.

4.30—AVEC VOUS (J. Thwaites), 20-1, 1; Toast (Nevett), 3-1 (fav.), 2; Bell Agnes (Spares), 7-1, 3. Also ran: Star On, Renumeration, Patricia Ann, Capellia, Celectial Light, Tuscaloosa, Gold Fly, Abbot's Romance, The Lass, Eve's Apple, Royal Cheer, Miss Desert, Glasswort, Golden Labrador.

Tote.—Win: £4/12/9. Places: 21/-, 4/9, 6/3.

Trained by T. Hall, Tadcaster.

5.0—ARCH GOTHIC (J. Sime), 13-2, 1; Appian Bridge (D. Smith), 13-2, 2; Faircote (Nevett), 8-11, 3. Also ran: Gold Streak, Kerry Piper, Jim Heron, Yeller, The Sport, Old Bill, Mainstay, Dasford, Swift Call, Bellruth, Lord Advocate, Late Scholar, Berwick Law, Henna, Aprolon, Beaufighter, Brown Queen, Titanic, Wychwood Girl, Belle of Ascot, London Pride.

Tote.—Win: 20/-. Places: 3/6, 3/-, 2/3. Trained by Boyd, Middleham.

5.25—HYPEROSENA (Maher), 7-2, 1; Grace Greenlander (Couch), 100-7, 2; Bonnie Brae (D. Smith), 7-1, 3. Also ran: Air Maid, Invermaid, Marilyn (fav.), Golden Remedy, Lady Joyce, Tenessy, Tinawych, Beauty Parlour, Martinal, Cherington, Stoer Head.

Tote.—Win: 8/9. Places: 4/-, 6/-, 4/9. Trained by F. Armstrong, Middleham. Tote Double.—£741/16/-. 4 tickets.

Ipswich have signed Frederick D. Miller, of Clevedon, Somerset, an RAF goalkeeper now playing for Aberaman.

SATURDAY'S FIXTURES AND FORECASTS

LEAGUE (South)

BRENTFORD v. Watford
Charlton v. CHELSEA
Clap. O. v. PORTSM'TH
C. PALACE v. West Ham
Fulham v. Arsenal
Luton v. BRIGHTON
Reading v. Queen's P.R.
Southamp'n v. MIL'WALL
TOTTENH'M v. Aldershot

LEAGUE (West)

BATH CITY v. Cardiff
LOVELL'S v. Bristol City
Swansea v. Aberaman

SCOTTISH (South)

Airdrie v. HEARTS
CELTIC v. Albion
FALKIRK v. Queen's P'k
HIBERNIAN v. Morton
MOTHERWELL v. Clyde
Partick v. DUMBARTON
St. Mirren v. Rangers
Third Lanark v. Hamilton

SCOTTISH (N.E.)

DUNF'MLINE v. Aberdeen
HEARTS v. Dundee U.
RAITH v. East Fife
RANGERS v. Falkirk

LEAGUE (North)

ASTON VILLA v. Walsall
Barnsley v. Grimsby
Blackburn v. MAN. U.
BRAD. C. v. Darlington
Bury v. LIVERPOOL
CHESTER v. Halifax
DERBY v. Stoke
DONCASTER v. Lincoln
EVERTON v. Burnley
Hartlepools v. Gateshead
LEICESTER v. Coventry
MAN. CITY v. Bolton
MANSFIELD v. Not'm F.
MIDDLESBRO' v. Leeds
NEWCASTLE v. York
NOR'PTON v. Birm'ham
Notts C. v. Chesterfield
ROCHDALE v. Oldham
ROTHERHAM v. Shef. U.
SHEF. WED. v. Bradford
SOUTHPORT v. Crewe
Stockport v. BLACKPOOL
SUNDERL'D v. Hud'sfield
Tranmere v. WREXHAM
Wolves v. W. BROMWICH

YOUR UNITY COUPON

NINE RESULTS.—Brentford, Chester, Derby, Everton, Newcastle, Northampton, Sheffield Wednesday, Southport, Motherwell. Alternative: Hibernians.

THREE DRAWS.—Barnsley v Grimsby, Notts County v Chesterfield, Third Lanark v. Hamilton. Alternative: Hartlepools v. Gateshead.

FOUR AWAYS.—Chelsea, Portsmouth, West Bromwich, Hearts. Alternative: Manchester United.

EASY SIX.—2, 2, 1(x), 1, 2(x), 2.

POINTS POOL.—2, 1, x(2), 2, 2, x(1), 1, x, 1, 2(x), 2, 2, 2, x(1).

WARTIME GARDENING No. 49

Storing Roots

Now is the time to think about harvesting root crops. Before frosts come, lift maincrop potatoes, beetroot and carrots. Leave swedes and turnips until later.

Lift root crops on a fine day and leave out on the ground for several hours until quite dry. Cut off carrot tops close to root. Twist off beetroot tops by hand to prevent "bleeding". Store only perfectly sound and dry vegetables in a dry, frostproof shed.

Store carrots in boxes or bins of dry sand, or in heaps outdoors covering with dry sand or soil. Arrange roots in regular layers with crowns pointing outwards; cover each layer with sand.

Store beetroot as you store carrots, but the sand should be just slightly damp to keep roots plump. Don't make it too moist as they will start to grow again.

Store potatoes in sacks or boxes in a dry, frostproof shed away from the light. A little lime in the sack helps to keep them dry and clean.

Store turnips later in the same way as carrots.

Beetroot, carrots, potatoes and turnips can all be stored outside in "clamps", where indoor space is limited.

REMINDERS

Pull down runner beans cut by frost. Take care of bean poles and store them clean and dry for next year. Put bean haulms on the compost heap.

Plant out spring cabbages firmly into final quarters now — 18 ins. apart each way — or plant 9 ins. apart and cut every other cabbage as greens in early spring.

Thin winter lettuce now to 3 ins. apart, transplanting thinnings to make another row.

Remove dead leaves from winter greens as they may spread disease.

See Dig for Victory Leaflets No. 3 "Storing Vegetables for Winter Use" and No. 5 "Cabbages and their Related Crops."

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'Fire Power' Is Red Army Secret

GERMAN ARMIES FACING GHASTLY WINTER

From MAURICE HANDLER, B.U.P. Staff Correspondent

Moscow, Saturday.

IF I were asked to give in two words the secret of the Russian victory over the Germans in this summer campaign, I would say "Fire Power."

This summer the Russian Army suddenly revealed a fire power for their infantry which was seven times as strong as that of 1939—a time when Russians were feverishly preparing for eventualities.

Their artillery has three times the fire power it had in 1939, and their air power is such that the Russians can establish air superiority in any given sector at any given time.

This enormous fire power could only be obtained by an armament production which has by far surpassed all previous production in the Soviet Union.

Allied equipment has played a certain role in this expansion of fire power, but the vast majority of tanks and aircraft employed are Russian.

The artillery and the smaller arms are exclusively Russian.

Without revealing any military secrets, I can reveal the tremendous fire power of the Russian army in terms of the Polish division which I visited this summer.

This division is formed like a Russian guards division — and there are more than a hundred of these guards divisions in the Russian army.

They are, in fact, not infantry divisions any longer, but miniature armies. And to their strength is added many sections of anti-tank riflemen, many heavy machine-gun battalions, companies of anti-tank guns, and mortars of all calibres.

The second factor in the Russian success is the ability of the Russian High Command and the leading army generals.

More than two years of war have made them bold, imaginative and progressive.

Such men as Generals Rokossovsky, on the Kiev front; Vatutin and Konev at Kharkov; Malinovsky in the Southern Ukraine, have won these battles.

GHASTLY WINTER

The Russian armies are trained to fight under actual field conditions. For months before the summer campaign started, infantry and tanks rehearsed their battles with tanks rolling over trenches by the hundreds, to accustom the infantrymen to meet and deal with machines at close range.

The Russian war machine today surpasses its predecessor of two years ago in every way—infantry, tanks, guns or planes.

That great increase in quality is what surprised the Germans this summer and what will surprise them even more this winter—and it is going to be a ghastly winter for the German armies in Russia.

The Russian forces have been made into a number of small but very powerful armies, each under brilliant individual commanders, which can be thrown against any one comparatively small objective or massed in a huge "steam-roller" to flatten out a main enemy point of resistance such as Smolensk, and then divide again when the main task is accomplished.

At the head, directing the strategy of the campaign, is Marshal Stalin and his group of brilliant lieutenants, including men like Gen. Shaposnikov, the thinker, Gen. Vassilevsky, who succeeded him as Chief of Staff, and Gen. Zhukov, the man of action, son of a peasant, who became Vice-Commissar of Defence.

Hungary Expects Early Nazi Collapse

THE Hungarian Government is expecting an early collapse of Germany and is preparing to turn that event to its own profit, according to information eaching London yesterday via Stockholm.

Admiral Horthy and the Premier, M. Kallay, believe that after Germany's collapse there will be chaos all over Central and South-Eastern Europe, and that Hungary will be left for a time as the only centre of power.

They will at that moment try to occupy all Hungary's former territories—Slovakia, Croatia, and the southern part of Transylvania.

To recover them Hungary is now training partisan bands near Lake Balaton and the Bakony Forest situated north of it.—Exchange.

Big Naval Force Blocks Japs' Escape

A POWERFUL Allied naval force is waiting off the north coast of New Guinea, ready for any attempt by the Japanese to evacuate their beleaguered garrison at Finschafen.

Some idea of its size may be gained from a Japanese communique yesterday, which claimed that three Allied cruisers, two destroyers and a large transport were sunk, two cruisers and two medium sized transports set on fire, and two more cruisers damaged by Japanese bombers.

MANY FIRES STARTED

Other claims were that fires were started at 15 places in the landing area, and that 22 Allied planes were shot down, the Japanese admitting the loss of 16, with the usual assertion that they crashed intentionally on their targets.

Failing evacuation by sea, the Japanese garrison will have to make a terrific fight to get out. Allied troops are drawing tight the neck of the King William Cape to prevent their filtering out, while others are advancing south and west after seizing the aerodrome two miles north of Finschafen and reaching the Bumi River.

The Allied airborne troops which landed at Kaiapit, 60 miles north-west of Lae, are keeping up their good progress, says Donald Caswell, B.U.P. Correspondent at Allied Headquarters, South-west Pacific.

Masses of artillery, which the Australians are reported to have brought up, will now probably be turned on Finschafen to soften it up for the final assault. The Allied ground troops also have terrific air support.

Trying To Mend French Squabble

AN attempt to heal a new breach between Generals de Gaulle and Giraud over Corsica is expected when the French Committee for National Liberation meets in Algiers today.

"The French are fighting the Germans in Corsica. Here in Algiers they are fighting among themselves again," was how one American correspondent, broadcasting from Algiers yesterday, put it.

General de Gaulle was informed of the impending operations in Corsica 12 hours before they started, according to this correspondent's version.

Later, however, he is said to have become so annoyed that he tried to get General Giraud dismissed as Commander-in-Chief and replaced by General Legentilhomme.

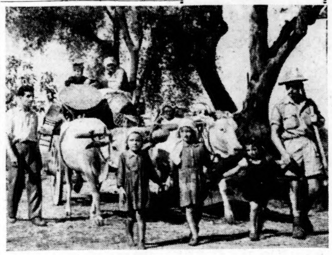
"You stole my Corsica," de Gaulle is said to have told Giraud.—B.U.P.

KEPT "EIGHTH" MEN FIT

Sir James Grigg, Secretary for War, states in a written answer that a special typhoid vaccine improved by R.A.M.C. pathologists had been used on the Eighth Army. It had proved particularly effective.

EIGHTH ARMY MEN TAKE THE KIDDIES HOME

MEN of the Eighth Army, driving north through Italy, help young refugees near Nicastro to return to their homes.



FINN MINISTER AND PEACE

"Russia Cannot Be Beaten"

Stockholm, Saturday.

M. VAINO TANNER, Finnish Minister of Finance and President of the Social Democratic Party, in a speech to Helsinki workers declared that it was up to Russia to offer Finland peace.

"Our enemy, the Soviet Union, has proved stronger than the world believed," he said. "She cannot be beaten by military means.

"As realists, we must take this into consideration in our foreign policy. We must base it on the fact that in future we shall have to live at the side of a strong Russia. We have nothing against the Russian people.

"If we could only obtain guarantees that we shall not be in constant danger, we should be prepared to restore fully normal relations.

"If Russia wants peace, her desire would meet with a favourable response, but hitherto Russia has not declared her viewpoint. If she desires to let us know it, she will find the channels to do so.

"Peace discussions in Finland are damaging.

"The mere desire for peace is not a sufficient guarantee that peace can be obtained. Italy's fate is fresh proof of that."

Tanner's speech met with a very unfavourable reception in many Finnish circles, as well as in Sweden.

The "Helsingin Sanomat" attacked him for criticising peace discussions abroad, but said that the speech showed a certain "development" in Tanner's foreign political conception.

The Swedish Liberal newspaper "Dagens Nyheter" said that his speech is a new proof that Tanner is the obstacle to peace.—Reuter.

Comb Out Whitehall Girls, Bevin Told

TO aid the search for woman-power, the Midland Council of the National Union of Manufacturers have a plan.

They want a comb-out of girls now employed in Government offices. These girls, they say, could form a labour pool from which industry could draw.

"The girls will tell you they have little to do, and their holidays seem very frequent," the Council tells Mr. Bevin, the Minister of Labour.

CHURCHILL IN FULL

Mr. Churchill's speech to the House of Commons last Tuesday was published in full in the Hungarian Press, said neutral reports reaching London viâ Stockholm.

Even the passages condemning Nazism and Prussian militarism were printed.—Reuter.

HE'S ON THE RUN

The former Albanian Prime Minister, Ekrem Libohova, fled the country after the Italian armistice, the German News Agency announced yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

Italian Airmen Operate With Us

A much-travelled Royal Canadian Air Force fighter squadron—the City of Windsor Squadron—is now operating from an Italian aerodrome from which, a few weeks ago, Axis planes were taking off to give them combat.

Parked next to the Canadians' Spitfires are fully armed and operational Italian Macchi fighters, of the Regia Aeronautica, ready to aid them in the event of German attack.

Adding a final touch to the paradoxical situation is a ring of ground batteries encircling the aerodrome, manned by Italians who must now revise the aircraft recognition they have learnt in three years and two months of war.

Polish Pilots Get 570 Huns

IN the Battle of Britain, from August 8 to October 31, 1940, Polish pilots destroyed 220 German planes, in addition to probably destroying another 45 and damaging 32.

Every eighth German brought down over Britain in the period was accounted for by a Pole.

In September of that year, Polish airmen got 131 of 962 enemy planes shot down.

Their exploits have far exceeded their numerical strength, and their record up to September 1 this year was 570½ German machines destroyed, with 152 probables and 192 damaged.

180,000 Army Menaces Germans In Jugoslavia

THE Germans were last night rushing reinforcements to Jugoslavia in an attempt to counter the growing threat of the Patriots' advance along the Dalmatian coast.

The Germans are now faced by 180,000 troops under Allied command, according to reports from Stockholm. The fighting, it is stated, has reached a point which can no longer be described as guerilla warfare.

A Jugoslav communiqué last night stated that at Split, Partisan forces repulsed a great number of German attacks and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

In Susak, street fighting continues, but the major part of the city is in the hands of the Partisans.

In Slovenia a violent battle is raging around Goriza. Under heavy German pressure Partisans have had to abandon the aerodrome and the southern outskirts of the city. Several enemy tanks were destroyed.

U.S.A. CASUALTIES

Washington, Saturday. — The U.S. War Department reported today that American casualties at Salerno up to and including September 15 totalled 3,497 killed, wounded and missing

The announcement noted that the period includes September 14, the date of the German statement that 8,000 to 10,000 American soldiers had been killed and an equal number captured.—Reuter

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Red Army Smashing On

Petrikovka is about 22 miles north-west of Dnepropetrovsk and about 10 miles from the nearest point on the Dnieper.

Brovary lies at the junction of two important roads into Kiev, seven miles north-east of the easterly part of the city.

It is also an important rail junction, standing at the point where the branch line to Kremenchug and the south-east forks off from the main Chernigov-Kiev line.

Heavy fighting was reported at Brovary earlier in the day.

Klintsy is near the Bryansk-Gomel line, about 60 miles north-east of Gomel. The town is about 22 miles west of Unecha.

PRAYERS asked for the Holy Father, who is not free to communicate with his archbishops throughout the world.

STATEMENT follows Nazi denial that the neutral rights of the Vatican have been infringed by the Germans.

Pope Is Prisoner Says Archbishop

ARCHBISHOP SPELLMAN, of New York, yesterday called on Catholics throughout America to pray for the Pope, "who is a prisoner," said Reuter last night.

"The Holy Father is not free to communicate with his Archbishops in dioceses throughout the world," Mgr. Spellman declared in a speech at the dedication of a new Catholic building in New York.

"While we have no positive and concrete way of helping him, we can remember him fervently in our prayers—that the Lord will bless him and enable him to guide the Church and that the Church may be spared further persecution and harm."

The Archbishop's statement came only a few hours after the German overseas radio had denied that the neutral rights of the Vatican had been infringed by the occupation authorities.

An official of the German Foreign Office was quoted by the German overseas radio as saying that he knew nothing of conversations between the German Ambassador in Rome and the Holy See with regard to an extension of the Concordat.

Italian workers are resisting all attempts to enlist them for service on the German industrial front.

The German-controlled Rome radio made a further appeal for Italian workers to go to Germany today.

"There are still 200,000 Italian workers in Germany," it said; "and in order to facilitate the sending of more, the German occupation authorities have taken measures to speed up the transfer of wages to their families in Italy.

MUSSO'S APPOINTEE

The German news agency added that Mussolini has appointed Serafino Mazzolini, former Italian Minister in Cairo, to be Under-Secretary in the Foreign Ministry of the Fascist Government.

Later German reports announced the appointment by Mussolini of a new Italian ambassador in Berlin.

The Japanese News Agency today, explaining why the Japanese Government has not yet recognised Mussolini's Republican Fascist régime, said:

"Appropriate steps will be taken when official reports have been received from the Japanese Ambassador to Italy and after consultation with the German Government for joint action by the two governments."

Algiers Radio (United Nations) reported last night that:

"Bitter fighting has again broken out between Italian citizens and German troops at Verona and Varese.

"In the Gorizia province violent battles are now in progress between Italians and German troops.

"At Milan, a secret national guard has been formed to take up the fight against the Germans."

Labour Still Rules New Zealand

Although the New Zealand Labour Party lost nine seats in the General Election now concluded, it still retains a majority. Final figures are: Labour 43 seats, Nationalists 35, Independents two.

At the last election Labour had a clear majority of 24, says Reuter.

RAF BLAST HUGE HUN CHEMICAL PLANT

ABOUT 30 buildings of the huge I.G. Farben chemical works at Ludwigshafen—one of the greatest plants of its kind in the world—were hit and damaged in the RAF's Thunderbolt attack on Thursday.

The ammonia synthesis plants, one of the most vital sections, were still blazing a dozen hours after the assault, the Air Ministry News Service disclosed last night.

A large number of fires were burning in both Mannheim and Ludwigshafen on Friday afternoon, when reconnaissance was made, and smoke still hung over a large part of the city.

Fresh damage done on Thursday night was severe, especially in the dock, central, and Neckar Stadt areas of Mannheim.

Among other first priority works hit are the Mannheim Otoren Werke, making submarine diesel engines, the Brown Boveri electrical motor works, and the Zellstoff Fabrik Waldhof factory, which was burning.

Among damaged factories identified are the Kali Chemie Company sulphuric acid works, and the Verein Deutsche Oelfabriken, making edible oils and fats, of which the enemy is now very short.

Two town electricity works and a tramway depot were also hit, and fresh damage caused to the Ludwigshafen railway station.

It is now known that in the attack on Hanover on Wednesday night very heavy damage was done by fire to the Wollewascherei works, the second largest woolcombers in Germany.

Bombs Make Victory Easier

THERE is strong evidence to support the theory that the price of victory in human lives could be reduced if, before the final assault is undertaken, the German war industries could be smashed by aerial bombardment.

The "New York Times" said this yesterday, and added:

"If attacks like those of Thursday night on Mannheim-Ludwigshaven, Darmstadt and Aachen achieve their purpose many thousands of lives will be spared when the last hazardous phase of the war arrives.

"But in the course of knocking out German industry our forces will almost certainly encounter heavier and more effective opposition.

"Losses, already high both in machines and men, must be expected to rise.

"We cannot afford to let false optimism, man-power problems, labour disputes or anything else interfere with the steady flow of planes to the fighting fronts."—Reuter.

Huns Drive Tanks Into Crowd

When the Russian army entered Poltava they found the main street covered with horribly mutilated corpses, according to yesterday's "Izvestia," quoted by Moscow Radio.

The Germans had assembled a large number of inhabitants in the main street, intending to take them when they evacuated the town.

The deportees refused to budge, and the Germans then drove a tank column at full speed down the street.—Reuter.

TEA £25 A POUND

Tea and coffee now cost £6 6s. a quarter of a pound in the Channel Islands, according to recent information.

King Victor's Talk With Allies

From GORDON WATERFIELD, Reuter's Special Correspondent

Taranto, Wednesday

(Normal transmission delay).

DISCUSSIONS were going on between Marshal Badoglio, King Victor Emmanuel, the Italian Government and the Allies in a town I visited yesterday.

Badoglio has issued a proclamation stating that British military currency must be accepted in Italy.—Reuter.

ADVERTISERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

TO EKE OUT THE WEEK'S RATIONS

Cheese Hot-pot

INGREDIENTS: 3 *oz. cheese, shredded or grated;* 1½ *lb. potatoes;* 2 *small carrots;* 1 *onion;* 1 *small turnip;* 1 *medium parsnip (or other vegetables in season); seasoning;* 1½ *oz. dripping;* 1 *teacupful gravy;* 1 *teacupful water.*

METHOD: Prepare vegetables, cut in fairly thick slices. Grease casserole. Put vegetables in layers, seasoning and putting small dab of dripping on each layer. Top with sliced potatoes and remaining dripping. Add water. Bake with lid on in moderate oven for about 1½ hours. Remove lid to brown potatoes. Then add grated cheese. (Unfortunately, you cannot buy Kraft cheese now because the Kraft plants have been put at the service of the Government—they're making cheeses, but not Kraft. No Kraft Cheese or Velveeta has been made in Great Britain for several months. But this Hot-pot is a very good dish even with ordinary cheese.) After adding cheese, allow about seven minutes for it to cook, pour on hot gravy and serve at once.

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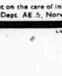

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TODAY'S RADIO

HOME — 7.0 a.m. — News. 7.15 — Orchestra. 7.50—Greetings from E. Africa. 8.10—Listen to the Band. 8.40—Organ.

9.0—News. 9.30—Service. 10.15—Baritone Records. 10.30—Orchestra. 11.0—Music-Lover's Calendar. 11.20—Organ. 11.40—Orchestra. 12.10 p.m.—American Composers.

1.0—News. 1.15—Country Magazine. 1.45—Records. 2.15—In Your Garden. 2.30—National Symphony Orchestra. 4.35—Organ. 4.45—Talk by Rabbi Dayan M. Gollop. 5.0—News in Welsh. 5.20—Children's Hour.

6.0 — News. 6.30 — Central RAF Band. 7.0—The New Cooking. 7.15—Orchestra. 8.0—Service. 8.40—Good Cause. 8.45—Battle Honour.

9.0—Big Ben Minute for Reflection: News. 9.30—Rabelais Replies. 10.25—Records. 10.30—Epilogue. 10.38—Records. 11.5—Strange World. 11.15—Orchestra.

12.0 midnight—News.

FORCES—6.30 a.m.—Reveille! 7.0—News. 7.15—Orchestra. 7.50—Records. 8.0—Orchestra. 8.30—Cairo Calling.

9.0—News. 9.30—Variety Orchestra. 10.15—Service. 10.30—For Indian Forces. 11.0—Fighter Command. 11.30—Workers' Playtime. 12.0 noon—Orchestra. 12.35 p.m.—Hit Parade.

1.0—News. 1.15—Variety Records. 1.45—Fred Hartley. 2.20—Johnny Canuck's Revue. 2.50—Talk by Rev. Alexander Miller. 3.0—Orchestra. 3.30—Massed Brass Bands. 4.15—The Brains Trust. 5.0—Forces' Choice. 5.20—Week's Films. 5.30—Transatlantic Call.

6.0—News. 6.30—Sunday Half-Hour. 7.0—News-Letter. 7.10—Happidrome. 8.0—Organ. 8.20—Orchestra.

9.0—Big Ben Minute for Reflection; News. 9.30—The Stage Presents.... 10.0—Epilogue. 10.5—Battle of Britain Day. 10.20—Records. 10.30—Orchestra.

FROM THE U.S.

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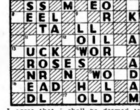

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CLUES DOWN.—1. Represents an alternative choice to better; 3. It would be unpleasant to get a this in your ribs; 4. Suggests a certain kind of exchange; 9. Any effective bombing attack on a German industrial locality this up part of enemy's war industry; 10. For the making of which one needs a cast; 11. Fact that light is extinguished may be due to the fact that it's this out.

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See next week for details and final set of squares.

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